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**NOVEMBER 7, 1996**

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CHAIRMAN**

**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, November 7, 1996

Chairman Glynn Carver presiding.

Jerald Hanchey  
Perry Gisclair  
Joseph Cormier  
Daniel Babin  
Jeff Schneider  
Norman McCall

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Carver reminded everyone of the request for the Commissioners to go into Executive Session. It was anticipated the Session would not last more than 30 minutes. Before Executive Session, Chairman Carver asked Secretary Jenkins to introduce the new Commission Member, Mr. Norman McCall. Secretary Jenkins stated Commissioner McCall served a partial term under Governor Roemer's administration and now was re-appointed to serve a full term under Governor Foster. Commissioner McCall is in the boat business in Cameron Parish and knows a lot about the alligator industry. Chairman Carver welcomed Commissioner McCall to the Commission.

Chairman Carver then asked Mr. Puckett to explain the Executive Session. Mr. Puckett stated the Executive Session, Discussion of Odilon Marceaux, et al. v. State of La., et al., 19th Judicial District Court, No. 356,083, was noticed under the open meetings law. A motion with a second and a two-thirds vote was needed for the Commission to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Schneider made the motion to go into Executive Session and it was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed with no opposition. At this point, Chairman Carver stated that following Executive Session, the Commission meeting would resume with the other items on the agenda.

Chairman Carver called for a motion for approval of the **October 3, 1996 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Schneider and seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition.

The **Announcement of the 1997 Louisiana Duck Stamp Contest Winner** was given by Mr. Dave Morrison. Mr. Morrison stated the 9th Annual Duck Stamp Competition was held on November 6, 1996 with five judges and 26 entries. A pair of ring-necks painted by Mr. Rick Hall from Lake Charles was the winner of the competition. Based on the sale of 1996 stamps, between 450,000 to 500,000 stamps

were printed for hunters as well as collectors. Also announced was Mr. Kent Curole as the second place winner; Mr. John Akers the third place winner; Mr. Don Edwards the fourth place winner and Mr. Matt Barnett the fifth place winner. Mr. Morrison stated Mr. Hall was to be at the meeting but had not showed up as of yet. Chairman Carver stated to be selected was a boost to an upcoming artist trying to make a career.

**Donation by ALBC in memory of Norman "Nookie" Diaz for the Beechwood Fish Hatchery** began with Mr. Arthur Williams stating Mr. Diaz was responsible for starting the new hatchery program. Mr. Diaz traveled the state back in 1986 and 1987 trying to sell the bass management program and in 1988, the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs donated \$10,000 for renovations to the Beechwood Fish Hatchery. Mr. Williams then introduced Ms. Sue Haney and Mr. Anthony Coe representing ALBC. Ms. Haney stated a bass club from District 6 held a memorial tournament to benefit the Beechwood Fish Hatchery in Mr. Diaz's memory. A total of \$2,300 was raised through the tournament and the State Association was adding an additional \$1,000. Chairman Carver thanked the ALBC for their contribution. Mr. Williams concluded stating more donations would be needed to run the hatchery.

Chairman Carver stated he put the next item, **Termination of Enforcement Powers for Wildlife Specialists/Biologists**, on the agenda at the request of several Commission Members. He also stated he has been on the Commission for only two years but has worked for over 30 years off and on with various divisions within the Department. Over the last month, countless hours have been spent on the phone talking with agents, biologists, law enforcement agencies, and landowners because this was an issue that concerned him, stated Chairman Carver. He felt the Commission was part of the organization that was observing the functions of the Department and that everyone was on the Commission to protect, to replenish, to preserve, and to utilize the resources we have in the State. Then Chairman Carver compared the Department to a wheel and noted how each division united together would give the wheel its strength. Over the last two years, Chairman Carver stated he has seen a lot of breaks and fractures in that wheel and as a result it can not carry the load. The removal of enforcement powers has worried the Chairman ever since he heard about it. The next few comments made by Chairman Carver were made on a personal basis. He stated that Enforcement was not just about writing citations, but felt the greatest deterrent to crime was presence of authority, and prevention not intervention. The Chairman felt the resources of the State were the victim. He also suggested the Enforcement personnel should have the highest visibility possible and the public should be able to identify an agent not just by a uniform but also by a marked vehicle. When enforcement is highly visible, this helps with public relations.

Changing from enforcement agents to biologists and refuge managers, Chairman Carver stated this was an issue that was not as enforcement oriented as everyone thought it was. He felt it dealt more with the pride and morale of the specialists and biologists and the right to protect their area and to be able to enforce laws if they have to. The timing on removing the enforcement duties was bad. The number of citations written was not an important issue, but rather their continued presence could help with enforcement and the prevention of violations. Concluding, Chairman Carver felt the biologists and specialists should be commended for the job they have done. Commissioner Gisclair read a resolution for the record. After reading the resolution, Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey.

Mr. Richard Yancey, a former employee of the Department, urged and recommended the Commission adopt the Resolution. He then stated the Chairman's comments were very appropriate and well put. Mr. Yancey stated the WMA and refuge programs, begun back in 1911, has been the most successful program implemented. He then explained how these programs have grown to a total of 1.3 million acres. The primary reason for the success of the WMA and refuge programs was the personnel assigned to the Areas. The people that use the areas knew the specialists are there and could write a ticket if a violation occurred. Mr. Yancey felt the end result would be the programs would suffer if enforcement powers were not restored. Concluding, Mr. Yancey felt this was one of the most deplorable personnel action taken since he has been associated with the Department.

Mr. Allen Ensminger, former Chief of the Fur & Refuge Division, echoed comments made by Mr. Richard Yancey. The first group of people he worked with were refuge managers and wardens on several refuges. He participated in the purchase of many refuge areas during his career and in the development of strict rules and regulations for oil and gas activities. Exxon donated 55,000 acres of land that were later named Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador Wildlife Refuges. Appropriate supervisors were selected from the Enforcement Division to manage these areas and make them their homes. Mr. Ensminger thanked the Commission for the resolution and then presented the Commission with a copy of a letter from State Representative Dupre for their consideration.

Mr. Julian Kersey, President of Couba Operating, spoke on several incidents that occurred on Salvador WMA before the enforcement powers were taken from the specialists. Mr. Kersey stated his Company is very concerned about environmental issues. The presence of authority on location especially in areas that are environmentally sensitive is very important. Concluding, Mr. Kersey asked the Commission to adopt the Resolution.

Representative Randy Wiggins, Rapides Parish House District 27, stated he has received more telephone calls on this issue than on any other. He asked the Commissioners to help him in his efforts and said that he totally supports the Resolution. Representative Wiggins stated the reasons he was given for this action were not founded and could not support the action. He also reiterated what Chairman Carver said about high profile being needed. He urged the Secretary to change his direction in order to serve the people of the State. He then stated he was concerned about a Department that managed by scare tactics and/or intimidation.

Mr. Chris Landry, a resident of the Atchafalaya area, stated the resources of the State was why his family had food on the table when he was growing up. Not only is protecting the resource important, but the protection of the people as well. Mr. Landry felt he knows where the problems lie. One is with budget restraints and another dealt with giving someone the empowerment over something but not the authority that was needed to go with it. He hoped the right decision on empowerment and authority would be made.

Commissioner Cormier stated he would support the Resolution and then stated the Secretary of the Department needed support also. He felt there may have been another way to handle the situation to achieve what was wanted without disrupting the state, the Department, the public and the resources. He felt the removal of the enforcement powers should have been done on a slower, more gradual basis. Commissioner Cormier stated Enforcement should be under one division with subsections.

Mr. Mike Calvin, Bayou State Bowhunters Association, stated this was an issue they needed to make a public statement on. The Association believes the specialists and biologists are an asset to the Department and not a liability. Mr. Calvin stated they totally support the Resolution.

Mr. Joe Cagnolatti, Wild Turkey Federation, stated his organization has helped the Department with restocking the turkey in the State. The money raised by the Federation was to continue the mission of turkey conservation and preservation of the turkey hunting tradition. There is still opportunity to expand the turkey population in Louisiana, stated Mr. Cagnolatti. The Wildlife Management Areas are a treasure for the state in the form of turkey habitat and education. The Federation is concerned about the risk for exposure and loss of habitat and resources. He asked that the enforcement presence not be removed from the WMAs. Then he stated the Federation concurs with the Resolution.

Mrs. Stephany LeBlanc, wife of employee Emile P. LeBlanc, stated she agreed with what has been said. She then explained the working conditions her husband has to follow. The removal of

enforcement powers has left Mr. LeBlanc unguarded, stated Mrs. LeBlanc. Representative Juba Diez has given Mrs. LeBlanc his support and told her she could speak for him. The situation could be resolved by appointing Auxiliary Officers that are POST Certified, and this would prevent the loss of resources or endangerment to the men. Mrs. LeBlanc presented a resolution passed by the Terrebonne Parish Council which supports the Commission's Resolution.

Mr. Terry Melancon, President, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, stated they reviewed the list of reasons for the removal of enforcement powers and felt none have been substantiated by problems in the field. The Federation's Board of Directors felt Secretary Jenkins' actions to reduce enforcement presence in the field promoted inefficiency, provides less protection to the resources, reduces the value sportsmen receive for their license dollar investment and was the wrong approach in solving a problem the Department has. The Federation asked that the enforcement powers be re-instated and alternative actions be pursued. Mr. Melancon asked the Commission to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Schneider asked to hear from Enforcement; if there is a plan, what was going on with the Wildlife Management Areas and could they enforce the regulations. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated an equal standard applied across a geographic area was the main thing needed in police administration or the problem would move to a new area. The times are changing with law enforcement and the agents need to make sure they are right when enforcing a law. They must have a standard operating procedure, and need to have a Chain of Command that is responsible and knowledgeable. Lt. Col. Clark also stated he hoped to achieve one person as being responsible for the enforcing of the fish and wildlife programs and to be accountable to everyone. He then added that the public was very demanding on them. Commissioner Schneider asked if the game on the WMAs would be at risk because of the action? Lt. Col. Clark stated the end result would be compliance. Opportunity was what was looked for in crimes, and those crimes the agents have to face is very broad based. The only performance indicator that could be measured was the number of citations written, stated Lt. Col. Clark. The agents will not be living on the areas, but would be unpredictable with their patrols. He felt the fish and wildlife resources were not in trouble, but there was a need for more professional law enforcement agents guided by one standard operating procedure.

Commissioner Babin began commending the Department on a good enforcement job. But then he stated the public now perceives the specialists and biologists are less trained and less qualified. He stated he would support the Resolution but felt there could have been a better way to attack the problem. Lt. Col. Clark stated there were a lot of perception problems on this issue, but the name



of the game was to provide opportunity and the recruiting for a new generation of hunters and fishermen to support the Department.

Mr. Henry Mouton stated the two previous Secretaries did not take any steps to solve this problem. Then he stated there has to be some deterrent and that change is hard to accept. He felt every business needed a chain of command to be a successful business and the Department is a business. He spoke on how he has been checked recently and that people from his area agreed with the action taken by Secretary Jenkins. Governor Foster also supports the action taken, stated Mr. Mouton.

Chairman Carver stated, from the public comments received, the Commissioners are learning how the public and various groups feel about this action. He felt this could be worked out and that there should be a median ground and that it be for the best.

Mr. Lonnie Leger, recent retiree of the Audubon Society, stated he began work in 1963 chasing outlaws off the Audubon lands with help from Enforcement and Refuge personnel. This work took five years to accomplish working between 100 and 120 hours per week. He felt Secretary Jenkins had a tough job but the removal of enforcement powers and the lack of continued presence by agents would put a strain on the private landowners in his areas. Mr. Leger hoped that something could be worked out. He also stated that it was a comforting feeling when personnel were readily available to help at a time when problems arise. The specialists performed their jobs in a fine manner not only with enforcement activities but with public relations.

Secretary Jenkins stated he had a lot of the same concerns that were expressed when he began contemplating this issue. He felt the audience at the meeting was only a small public opinion poll. He then stated the bottom line was the employees still have their jobs, and their pay, and the only thing they cannot do is write a ticket. A question that needed to be asked is, can enforcement be maintained on the WMAs at least or better than before it was changed. Secretary Jenkins stated if he was wrong, then discussions would be held to change the issue. He stated there was room in the Enforcement Division for 20 more agents and those affected by the decision would have the first opportunity to become agents again. Commissioner Babin stated as a Commission member, he found out about this decision from the newspapers and that the Secretary could have informed the Commission of the action. Secretary Jenkins agreed with Commissioner Babin and apologized for the way it was handled.

Representative Wiggins stated he asked Risk Management for a report on incidences involving WMA or refuge personnel and asked would the agents all have the same training.

Commissioner Babin then called for the question. Commissioners voting to support the Resolution were Commissioner Hanchey, Commissioner Cormier, Commissioner Gisclair, Commissioner Gisclair and Commissioner Babin. Those opposing the Resolution were Commissioner Schneider and Commissioner McCall. Chairman Carver announced the motion passed with a vote of 5 to 2. Chairman Carver then called for a break. Mr. Joe Macaluso stated State laws require a disposition of the Executive Session be given listing any results occurring.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

November 7, 1996

The following resolution was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting in Baton Rouge, LA on November 7, 1996.

TERMINATION OF ENFORCEMENT POWERS  
WILDLIFE SPECIALIST/BIOLOGIST

- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is appointed to protect, conserve, and replenish the wildlife and fisheries resources of the state, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission acknowledges that Louisiana's expansive Wildlife Management Area and Refuge system is second to none, provides diverse and high quality habitat for the state's fish and wildlife, valuable income to the Department and millions of man-days of public outdoor recreation, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that strong on-site enforcement of wildlife laws, rules, and regulations have been a vital part of this successful WMA and Refuge program since 1911, and
- WHEREAS, the Wildlife Specialists and Biologists who have managed and nurtured these areas including the enforcement of the wildlife laws, rules and regulations on them have been solely responsible for the success of this Program, and
- WHEREAS, the Secretary has removed the enforcement powers of POST certified Wildlife Specialist and Biologist without public discussion or notice, and
- WHEREAS, the reasons given for taking this action were that the state was incurring excessive liability, no uniformity of

enforcement procedures, fragmented chain of command, no coordination of resources, uniform and dress code problems, non-standard training, non-standard inventory, and the possibility of higher GS levels, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has seen no evidence to support that excessive liability claims have been paid by the state for enforcement actions initiated by the POST certified Wildlife Specialists or Biologists, and

WHEREAS, the enforcement procedures followed by POST certified Wildlife Specialists and Biologists are the same as those followed by Agents of the Enforcement Division and all citations are reviewed and ultimately sent to local District Attorneys by the Enforcement Division, and

WHEREAS, administrative issues such as fragmented chain of command regarding enforcement activities, no coordination of resources, non-standard inventory, uniforms and dress code should and can be addressed by the Secretary without removing 86 much needed enforcement personnel from our WMAs and Refuges, and

WHEREAS, all Wildlife Specialists and Biologists who performed enforcement duties are trained to the same standards as sheriff's deputies, city police, and many current Enforcement Division Agents hired prior to the new training program of the Division and by definition this level of training is entitled "Peace Officers Standards Training" and includes required recurrent training to maintain the POST certification, and

WHEREAS, other Divisions of the Department have requested that Wildlife Specialist and Biologists receive the same training as the Enforcement Division but have been denied this training, and

WHEREAS, this Commission, the legislature and the public have been told on hundreds of occasions that the Department does not have enough enforcement agents to adequately patrol their existing territories, much less the addition of 1.3 million acres of WMAs and Refuges, and

WHEREAS, the WMA enforcement responsibility has been professionally handled by existing personnel who will continue to be employed and the Commission is strongly opposed to the fiscal irresponsibility of hiring another group of higher paid employees to do a job that is already being done, and

WHEREAS, the stripping of enforcement powers from a valued group of employees who have implemented a highly successful

wildlife management area program under the most adverse conditions because there is a strong possibility that they are not being paid at a level commensurate with the service they provide to the state is reprehensible to the Commission,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does give public notice of its appreciation for the valuable law enforcement service provided by Wildlife Specialists and Biologists in establishing and maintaining control of more than 1.3 million acres of Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges for over 85 years, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does not support the removal of enforcement powers from Wildlife Specialists and Biologists and strongly urges the Secretary to restore these powers and take the administrative action necessary to correct the aforementioned administrative problems regarding enforcement activity by the Department.

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Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

When the Commission Meeting reconvened, Chairman Carver stated the Executive Session was a discussion of the lawsuit Odilon Marceaux, et al. v. State of La., et al., there were no votes taken and that it was strictly for informational purposes only.

Chairman Carver then asked Mr. Dave Morrison if the winner of the Duck Stamp Competition was in attendance. The winner of the 9th Annual Competition is Mr. Richard W. Hall, 33 years old. This event was Mr. Hall's third time to enter. He has had four limited edition prints of which two have sold out and has had many exhibits throughout the State. He is married with three children living in Lake Charles. Mr. Hall's goal is to paint full-time the swamps, marshes, bayous and wildlife of Louisiana. Mr. Hall thanked the Department and stated this was a great outlet for a budding artist.

Mr. Hugh Bateman handled the **1997 Turkey Hunting Season Regulations, Final Ratification**. In July, a Notice of Intent was presented on the 1997 spring turkey hunting regulations. Now it was time for final ratification. Area A season dates will be March 22 through April 27; Area B will be April 22 through April 27; and Area C will be March 22 through March 30. The bag limit would be one per day and three per season. Shooting hours would be one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. All hunters between the ages 16 and 59, including Lifetime License holders, must possess a signed turkey stamp when hunting. A major change that has occurred was the definition of a baited area. Mr. Bateman

then read the wording from last year's pamphlet on baited areas and the wording that will appear in this year's pamphlet. The change dealt with there being no prescribed distance in the rule. Mr. Bateman recommended sending out a News Release noting the change so the public could be informed.

Commissioner Gisclair asked, what was a safe distance from a baited area? Captain Keith LaCaze stated the distance that was in the previous definition was not in the rule or statute. Every situation is different, but an agent would be looking for birds that are lured to an area by bait. Mr. Bateman read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Bateman felt the turkey pamphlets would be available by the end of December.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
November 7, 1996

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, November 7, 1996.

- WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for turkeys, and
- WHEREAS,** authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS,** this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached rules, regulations, season dates and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife & Fisheries  
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

## RULE

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the July 1996 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in November hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulations on Department operated wildlife management areas for turkeys. Authority to establish regulations are vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

### 1997 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON SCHEDULE (Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Daily limit one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys are illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited.

No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed.

Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of the birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain

containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

All licensed turkey hunters including lifetime license holders are required to have a Louisiana Wild Turkey stamp in their possession while turkey hunting, in addition to their basic and big game licenses.

#### TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Open Only in the Following Areas:

Area A  
March 22-April 27

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Livingston, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the jct. of La. 104 and north of La. 104.

Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, EXCEPT that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its jct. at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its jct. with La. 451.

Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, west of Hwy. 171 from the jct. of Hwy. 26 south to Calcasieu Parish.

Calcasieu: West of U.S. 171 north of I-10 and north of I-10 from the jct. of U.S. 171 to Texas State line.

Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east and north of La. 126 and south and west of La. 127.

Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion of Catahoula listed below.

Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland and Tensas: East of U.S. 65 from the East Carroll Parish line to U.S. 80, south of U.S. 80 westward to La. 17, east of La. 17 and La. 15 from Delhi to Winnsboro to Clayton; west of U.S. 65 from Clayton to jct. of La. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands in East Carroll, Tensas and Madison Parishes lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou.

Iberville: West of La. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

LaSalle: East of Little River and Castor Creek, west of La. 127 from the Caldwell Parish line. ALSO east of La. 126 from the Catahoula Parish line to Rosefield to Holum.

Pointe Coupee: All EXCEPT that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its jct. with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlange to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, EXCEPT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands, formerly St. Landry Land & Timber holdings where the season will be March 22-30, self-clearing permit required, one turkey per hunter bag limit. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its jct. with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way, then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to its jct. with La. 10.

Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Winn: Only that portion within the boundaries of the National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve.



Area B  
April 12-April 27

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River, Webster

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line.

DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84 from U.S. 171 to the Texas state line.

Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north of La. 146 from Chatham to La. 155, north of La. 155 to La. 542, north of La. 542 to Quitman, north of La. 155 to Bienville Parish line.

Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to jct. of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line.

Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 at Farmerville, north of La. 33 from Farmerville to Marion, north of La. 827 from Marion to Dean, north of Dean Church Road to Alabama Landing Road, north of Alabama Landing Road from Dean Church Road intersection to Ouachita River.

Area C  
March 22-March 30

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River.

Avoyelles: That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend levee from its jct. at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its jct. with La. 451.

Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. 84, south of U.S. 84 eastward to La. 15 (Ferriday), east of

La. 15 northward to U.S. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line.

Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River.

Tensas: East and south of U.S. 65 from Concordia Parish line to La. 128, south of La. 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of La. 605, 604, 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

#### 1997 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Consult the 1996-97 Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for more detailed rules and regulations governing the Wildlife Management Areas.

Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

All trails and roads designated as **ATV Only** shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through June 1. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted).

Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas shall be one per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

#### PERMITS

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

LOTTERY HUNTS: Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application Lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is **January 31, 1997**. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for

one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any District office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters on these areas must record their turkey at the appropriate stations prior to leaving the area.

Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office:  
 District 1-P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055, Phone (318) 371-3050;  
 District 2-368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203, Phone (318) 343-4044;  
 District 3-1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360, Phone (318) 487-5885;  
 District 4-P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334, Phone (318) 757-4571;  
 District 5-1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, 70601, Phone (318) 7491-2575;  
 District 6-105 Avenue of the Acadians, Opelousas, 70571-0585, Phone (318) 948-0255;  
 District 7-P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898-9000, Phone (504) 765-2360.

**Wildlife Management Turkey Hunting Schedule\***

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bens Creek	March 22-April 13	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	April 12-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 22-April 13	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 24-26
Fort Polk	March 22-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	April 12-April 20	Self-Clearing	April 12-13 April 14-16
Grassy Lake	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	April 12-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 12-April 13 April 19-April 20	Self-Clearing	April 12-13 April 19-20

Pearl River	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 22-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Sandy Hollow	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 24-26
Sicily Island	March 22-March 23 March 29-March 30 April 5-April 6	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 29-30 April 5-6
Three Rivers	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills	March 22-March 23 March 29-March 30 April 5-April 6	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 29-30 April 5-6

**\*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed shall have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office for specific information and any additional season dates.**

**\*\*THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR ALL TURKEY LOTTERY HUNTS ON WMAs IS JANUARY 31, 1997.**

#### **Volunteer Turkey Weigh and Check Stations**

In an effort to better manage Louisiana's turkey population, volunteer weigh and check stations are located throughout the state at local sporting good stores, grocery stores and hunting clubs. Scales and data sheets are located at the stations for your convenience. Please have your turkey weighed and measured at one of these stations. By recording your turkey, you automatically are eligible for one of three shotguns to be given away in the early summer. An annotated list of turkey weigh stations is included in the regulations pamphlet.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22: .

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Mr. Hugh A. Bateman, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

NAWMP, 10 Year Louisiana's Accomplishments, DU Inc., Fish & Wildlife Service was the next item to be handled. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated that in July 1986, a new conservation effort to protect wetlands was completed and signed by Canada and the United States. Over the last 10 years, some remarkable contributions have been made in Louisiana. Mr. Bateman stated 1996 could be called the Year of the Duck with record fall flights of ducks heading south. One thing that has been learned over the past 10 years was that habitat is what counts. The focus of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) was habitat for the whole North American Continent. Mr. Jimmy Emfinger, the North American Coordinator for the Department, showed slides of accomplishments the Department has made and gave a historical review of what the Department's contribution to the Plan has been. The last 10 years of NAWMP has shown how a Partnership and working with others has worked. The cumulative expenditure of \$836 million has helped restore, protect and enhance wetlands in Canada, United States and Mexico totalling 3.4 million acres.

Mr. Emfinger stated this was a team effort with leadership from Mr. Bateman and assistance from the field staff. At this point Mr. Emfinger showed a slide series. One of the slides showed how Louisiana was split into the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture and the Gulf Coast Joint Venture. One of the major problems to conquer from Louisiana's action plan was obtaining cooperation of private landowners. Technical assistance was given to these landowners so they could manage their land for waterfowl and wetland wildlife. Louisiana is involved in a plan called the Louisiana Waterfowl Project and cooperators include the Department, Ducks Unlimited, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, private pipeline companies and landowners. Other projects that have been accomplished because of this Plan were described by Mr. Emfinger. Another funding source, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant, has contributed several million dollars to wetland restoration. Mr. Emfinger then explained several of the projects being conducted with NAWCA Grant money. To summarize, the Department has been able to generate \$4.9 million of non-Department funds. With this money, the Department was able to create 43,847 acres of wetlands. The NAWMP is a success story, but with a long way to go, stated Mr. Emfinger. The continental fall flight for 1996 is expected to reach 115 million birds and this exceeds the goals of the NAWMP.

Mr. Emfinger introduced Mr. Ross Melenchuk, Director of State and Federal Coordination for the Southern Regional Office of Ducks Unlimited. Mr. Melenchuk expressed their appreciation to the Department and Commission for the support and dedication on the NAWMP. Conditions on the Canadian prairies are above average and look better than the past 25 years. Mr. Melenchuk then explained

what has been occurring on the breeding grounds and the partnering efforts with Ducks Unlimited. He also stated Ducks Unlimited was pleased to be partners with the Department. He urged the Commissions continued support with the Plan. Mr. Bateman stated a baseball cap commemorating the 10th anniversary was being presented from the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. Bateman then announced Mr. Emfinger would be terminating his employment with the Department on November 15, 1996 and thanked him for all his hard work over the years. Mr. Bateman then concluded stating Mr. Richard Yancey served on the original board that put the Plan together.

Mr. Bennie Fontenot handled the **Rule Ratification for Fish Seining Permit, Lake Louis**. The rule would allow commercial fish seining on Lake Louis, Catahoula Parish by permit only. The local lake commission initiated the request to resolve conflicts that were occurring on the lake between seiners and recreational fishermen. The permit has 8 regulations and has been tried and works well on two other oxbow lakes in the area. Mr. Fontenot asked for final ratification. Commissioner Babin asked if regulation #8 would impact a lot of people? Mr. Fontenot stated there would may be only 7 seine fishermen applying for the permit. Commissioner Babin made a motion to ratify the rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

#### RULE

#### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following rule on commercial fish seining on Lake Louis, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

#### Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

#### §183. Commercial Fish Seining Regulations, Lake Louis

Commercial fish seining regulations on Lake Louis, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana are as follows:

Commercial fish seining shall be prohibited on Lake Louis except that fish seining will be legal under a special permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as described below:

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL COMMERCIAL FISH SEINING PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR PERIOD: January 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to December 31, \_\_\_\_\_

This permit entitles the holder, who must have a valid commercial fishing license and fish seine license, to conduct legal fish seining operations on Lake Louis, in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

In addition to existing Louisiana fish seining rules, the following special permit regulations shall apply:

1. Seining shall be permitted only on Monday through Friday, during daylight hours from official sunrise to official sunset.

2. Permittee shall notify Enforcement Personnel, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, located at the Region IV office headquarters, Ferriday, Louisiana, at least 24 hours prior to conducting each seining operation.

3. Permittee shall make every effort to conduct seining operations as per R.S. 56:328 which states: "Nets shall not be hauled out upon the shore in such a way that any illegal fish which may happen to be taken therein cannot be returned to the water without injury."

4. Permittee shall leave no fish captured during a seining operation on or in the vicinity of the shoreline.

5. Permittee must have this permit on his person while using or transporting commercial fish seines in the above described waters.

6. Failure to comply with the terms of this permit or any Louisiana commercial fishing regulations shall result in immediate cancellation of the permit, and the option to deny the issuance of another seine permit in the future.

7. This permit is issued on a calendar year basis and shall be renewed each year.

8. No person convicted of a fisheries related violation Class II or greater within the last five years shall be eligible to obtain this permit.

Sincerely,  
Secretary

I have read and understand the terms of this permit and agree to comply.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22.  
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22: .

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

**Rule Ratification on the Recreational Harvest for Southern Flounder** was handled by Mr. Harry Blanchet. A Notice of Intent, which was approved last spring, created a 10 fish bag and possession limit for the recreational fishermen harvesting southern flounder in Louisiana waters. The Department received some public comments requesting a total closure for both recreational and commercial for one year. Mr. Blanchet asked the Commission for final approval. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Cormier. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

#### RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a rule (Title 76:VII.353) to place daily take and possession limits on the recreational harvest of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma). Authority for adoption of this rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### PART VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

#### Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery



### §353. Rules for Recreational Harvest of Southern Flounder

The daily take and possession limit for the recreational taking of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) caught within or without Louisiana waters shall be ten fish per day and in possession.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

Chairman Carver asked Secretary Jenkins if he put the next item, **Notice of Intent to Repeal or Amend Goose Creeping Rule** on the agenda. Secretary Jenkins stated it was put on in case the Commission wanted to take action on it. Commissioner Schneider asked if it would affect hunters this year, to which Chairman Carver stated no. Hearing no further discussion, the meeting continued.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for October** was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. While giving the report, Chairman Carver asked for the introduction of the Captains that were in attendance. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of October.

Region I - Minden - 74 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 67 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 130 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 48 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 86 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 150 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 166 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 354 citations.

----- Region IX - Thibodaux - 263 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 37 citations.

Seafood Investigative Strike Force - 35 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 119 citations.

A shrimp activity report was attached to the report. The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of October was 1,546. Col. Vidrine thanked the agents for the job they have been doing and for the extra effort performed during October. Chairman Carver asked if there was one specific WMA rule that more citations are written for. Commissioner Schneider asked how does the number of citations written for this month compare to the number written last year for the same month? Col. Vidrine stated there were 1,223 tickets issued for October 1995 as compared to 1,546 for this year. Commissioner Schneider asked what was the reason contributing to the increase in citations this year? Col. Vidrine stated the agents put in an extra effort.

Having no **Division Reports**, Chairman Carver went on to the next agenda item.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners decided to hold the **March 1997 Meeting** on Thursday, March 6, 1997 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Baton Rouge office.

Chairman Carver then asked if there were any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Babin.

  
James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, November 7, 1996

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Chairman Glynn Carver presiding.

Jerald Hanchey  
Perry Gisclair  
Joseph Cormier  
Daniel Babin  
Jeff Schneider  
Norman McCall

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Carver reminded everyone of the request for the Commissioners to go into Executive Session. It was anticipated the Session would not last more than 30 minutes. ~~and~~ before Executive Session, Chairman Carver asked Secretary Jenkins to introduce the new Commission Member, Mr. Norman McCall. Secretary Jenkins stated Commissioner McCall served a partial term under Governor Roemer's administration and now was re-appointed to serve a full term under Governor Foster. Commissioner McCall is in the boat business in Cameron Parish and knows a lot about the alligator industry. Chairman Carver welcomed Commissioner McCall to the Commission.

Chairman Carver then asked Mr. Puckett to explain the Executive Session. Mr. Puckett stated the Executive Session, Discussion of Odilon Marceaux, et al. v. State of La., et al., 19th Judicial District Court, No. 356,083, was noticed under the open meetings law. A motion with a second and a two-thirds vote was needed for the Commission to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Schneider made the motion to go into Executive Session and it was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed with no opposition. At this point, Chairman Carver stated *that* following Executive Session, the Commission meeting would resume with the other items on the agenda.

Chairman Carver called for a motion for approval of the **October 3, 1996 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Schneider and seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition.

*Based on* The **Announcement of the 1997 Louisiana Duck Stamp Contest Winner** was given by Mr. Dave Morrison. Mr. Morrison stated the 9th Annual Duck Stamp Competition was held on November 6, 1996 with five judges and 26 entries. A pair of ring-necks painted by Mr. Rick Hall from Lake Charles was the winner of the competition. ~~From~~ the sale of 1996 stamps, between 450,000 to 500,000 stamps

were printed for hunters as well as collectors. Also announced was Mr. Kent Curole as the second place winner; Mr. John Akers the third place winner; Mr. Don Edwards the fourth place winner and Mr. Matt Barnett the fifth place winner. Mr. Morrison stated Mr. Hall was to be at the meeting but had not showed up as of yet. Chairman Carver stated to be selected was a boost to an upcoming artist trying to make a career.

**Donation by ALBC in memory of Norman "Nookie" Diaz for the Beechwood Fish Hatchery** began with Mr. Arthur Williams stating Mr. Diaz was responsible for starting the new hatchery program. Mr. Diaz traveled the state back in 1986 and 1987 trying to sell the bass management program and in 1988, the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs donated \$10,000 for renovations to the Beechwood Fish Hatchery. Mr. Williams then introduced Ms. Sue Haney and Mr. Anthony Coye representing ALBC. Ms. Haney stated a bass club from District 6 held a memorial tournament to benefit the Beechwood Fish Hatchery in Mr. Diaz's memory. A total of \$2,300 was raised through the tournament and the State Association was adding an additional \$1,000. Chairman Carver thanked the ALBC for their contribution. Mr. Williams concluded stating more donations would be needed to run the hatchery.

Chairman Carver stated he put the next item, **Termination of Enforcement Powers for Wildlife Specialists/Biologists**, on the agenda at the request of several Commission Members. He also stated he has been on the Commission for only two years but has worked for over 30 years off and on with various divisions within the Department. Over the last month, countless hours have been spent on the phone talking with agents, biologists, law enforcement agencies, and landowners because this was an issue that concerned him, stated Chairman Carver. He felt the Commission was part of the organization that was observing the functions of the Department and that everyone was on the Commission to protect, to replenish, to preserve, and to utilize the resources we have in the State. Then Chairman Carver compared the Department to ~~that of~~ a wheel and how each division united together would given the wheel its strength. Over the last two years, Chairman Carver stated he has seen a lot of breaks and fractures in that wheel and as a result *it* can not carry the load. The removal of enforcement powers has worried the Chairman ever since he heard about it. The next few comments made by Chairman Carver were made on a personal basis. He stated that Enforcement was not just about writing citations, but felt the greatest deterrent to crime was presence of authority, and prevention not intervention. The Chairman felt the resources of the State were the victim. He also suggested the Enforcement personnel should have the highest visibility possible and the public should be able to identify an agent not just by a uniform but also by a marked vehicle. When enforcement is highly visible, this helps with public relations. *noted*

Changing from enforcement agents to biologists and refuge managers, Chairman Carver stated this was an issue that was not as enforcement oriented as everyone thought it was. He felt it dealt more with the pride and morale of the specialists and biologists and the right to protect their area and to be able to enforce laws if they have to. The timing on removing the enforcement duties was bad. The number of citations written was not an important issue, but rather their continued presence could help with enforcement and *violations* the prevention of laws. Concluding, Chairman Carver felt the biologists and specialists should be commended for the job they have done. Commissioner Gisclair read a resolution for the record. After reading the resolution, Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey.

Mr. Richard Yancey, a former employee of the Department, urged and recommended the Commission adopt the Resolution. He then stated the Chairman's comments were very appropriate and well put. Mr. Yancey stated the WMA and refuge programs, begun back in 1911, has been the most successful program implemented. He then explained how these programs have grown to a total of 1.3 million acres. The primary reason for the success of the WMA and refuge programs was ~~due to~~ the personnel assigned to the Areas. The people that use the areas know the specialists are there and could write a ticket if a violation occurred. Mr. Yancey felt the end result would be the programs would suffer if enforcement powers were not restored. Concluding, Mr. Yancey felt this was one of the most deplorable personnel action taken since he has been associated with the Department.

Mr. Allen Ensminger, former Chief of the Fur & Refuge Division, echoed comments made by Mr. Richard Yancey. The first group of people he worked with were refuge managers and wardens on several refuges. He participated in the purchase of many refuge areas during his career and the development of strict rules and regulations for oil and gas activities. Exxon donated 55,000 acres of land that were later named Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador Wildlife Refuges. Appropriate supervisors were selected from the Enforcement Division to manage these areas and make them their homes. Mr. Ensminger thanked the Commission for the resolution and then presented the Commission with a copy of a letter from *State* Representative Dupre for their consideration.

Mr. <sup>*incidents*</sup> Julian Kersey, President of Couba Operating, spoke on several ~~incidences~~ that occurred on Salvador WMA before the enforcement powers were taken from the specialists. Mr. Kersey stated his Company is very concerned about environmental issues. The presence of authority on location especially in areas that are environmentally sensitive is very important. Concluding, Mr. Kersey asked the Commission to adopt the Resolution.

*SAID*  
Representative Randy Wiggins, Rapides Parish House District 27, stated he has received more telephone calls on this issue than on any other. He asked the Commissioners to help him in his efforts and that he totally supports the Resolution. Representative Wiggins stated the reasons he was given for this action were not founded and could not support the action. He also reiterated what Chairman Carver said about high profile being needed. He urged the Secretary to change his direction in order to serve the people of the State. He then stated he was concerned about a Department that managed by scare tactics and/or intimidation.

Mr. Chris Landry, a resident of the Atchafalaya area, stated the resources of the State was why his family had food on the table when he was growing up. Not only is protecting the resource important, but the protection of the people as well. Mr. Landry felt he knows where the problems lie. One is with budget restraints and another dealt with giving someone the empowerment over something but not the authority that was needed to go with it. He hoped the right decision on empowerment and authority would be made.

Commissioner Cormier stated he would support the Resolution and then stated the Secretary of the Department needed support also. He felt there may have been another way to handle the situation to achieve what was wanted without disrupting the state, the Department, the public and the resources. He felt the removal of the enforcement powers should have been done on a slower, more gradual basis. Commissioner Cormier stated Enforcement should be under one division with subsections.

Mr. Mike Calvin, Bayou State Bowhunters Association, stated this was an issue they needed to make a public statement on. The Association believes the specialists and biologists are an asset to the Department and not a liability. Mr. Calvin stated they totally support the Resolution.

*AAC* Mr. Joe Cagnolatti, Wild Turkey Federation, stated his organization has helped the Department with restocking the turkey in the State. The money raised by the Federation was to continue the mission of turkey conservation and preservation of the turkey hunting tradition. There is still opportunity to expand the turkey population in Louisiana, stated Mr. Cagnolatti. The Wildlife Management Areas ~~is~~ a treasure for the state in the form of turkey habitat and education. The Federation is concerned about the risk for exposure and loss of habitat and resources. He asked that the enforcement presence not be removed from the WMAs. Then he stated the Federation concurs with the Resolution.

*STEPHANIE*  
Mrs. ~~Stephanie~~ LeBlanc, wife of employee Emile P. LeBlanc, stated she agreed with what has been said. She then explained the working conditions her husband has to follow. The removal of

enforcement powers has left Mr. LeBlanc unguarded, stated Mrs. LeBlanc. Representative Juba Diez has given Mrs. LeBlanc his support and told her she could speak for him. The situation could be resolved by appointing Auxiliary Officers, that are POST Certified, and this would prevent the loss of resources or endangerment to the men. Mrs. LeBlanc presented a resolution passed by the Terrebonne Parish Council which supports the Commission's Resolution.

Mr. Terry Melancon, President, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, stated they reviewed the list of reasons for the removal of enforcement powers and felt none have been substantiated by problems in the field. The Federation's Board of Directors felt Secretary Jenkins' actions to reduce enforcement presence in the field promoted inefficiency, provides less protection to the resources, reduces the value sportsmen receive for their license dollar investment and was the wrong approach in solving a problem the Department has. The Federation asked that the enforcement powers be re-instated and ~~pursue~~ <sup>be pursued</sup> alternative actions. Mr. Melancon asked the Commission to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Schneider asked to hear from Enforcement; if there is a plan, what was going on with the Wildlife Management Areas and could they enforce the regulations? Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated an equal standard <sup>Applied</sup> ~~supply~~ across a geographic area was the main thing needed in police administration or the problem would move to a new area. The times are changing with law enforcement and the agents need to make sure they are right when enforcing a law <sup>they</sup> ~~they~~ must have a standard operating procedure, and need to have a Chain of Command that is responsible and knowledgeable. Lt. Col. Clark also stated he hoped to achieve one person as being responsible for the enforcing of the fish and wildlife programs and to be accountable to everyone. He then added that the public was very demanding on them. Commissioner Schneider asked if the game on the WMAs would be at risk because of the action? Lt. Col. Clark stated the end result would be compliance. Opportunity was what was looked for in crimes, and those crimes the agents have to face is <sup>very</sup> ~~so~~ broad based. The only performance indicator that could be measured was the number of citations written, stated Lt. Col. Clark. The agents will not be living on the areas, but would be unpredictable with their patrols. He felt the fish and wildlife resources were not in trouble, but there was a need for more professional law enforcement agents ~~that should be~~ <sup>Now</sup> guided by one standard operating procedure.

Commissioner Babin began commending the Department on a good enforcement job. But then he stated the public <sup>Now</sup> ~~perceives~~ the specialists and biologists are less trained and less qualified. He stated he would support the Resolution but felt there could have been a better way to attack the problem. Lt. Col. Clark stated there were a lot of perception problems on this issue, but the name

of the game was to provide opportunity and the recruiting for a new generation of hunters and fishermen to support the Department.

Mr. Henry Mouton stated the two previous Secretaries did not take any steps to solve this problem. Then he stated there has to be some deterrent and that change is hard to accept. He felt every business needed a chain of command to be a successful business and the Department is a business. He spoke on how he has been checked recently and that people from his area agreed with the action taken by Secretary Jenkins. Governor Foster also supports the action taken, stated Mr. Mouton.

Chairman Carver stated, from the public comments received, the Commissioners are learning how the public and various groups feel about this action. He felt this could be worked out and that there should be a median ground and that it be for the best.

Mr. Lonnie Leger, recent retiree of the Audubon Society, stated he began work in 1963 chasing outlaws off the lands with help from Enforcement and Refuge personnel. This work took five years to accomplish working between 100 and 120 hours per week. He felt Secretary Jenkins had a tough job but the removal of enforcement powers and the lack of continued presence by agents would put a strain on the private landowners in his areas. Mr. Leger hoped that something could be worked out. He also stated that it was a comforting feeling when personnel ~~was~~ readily available to help at a time when problems arise. The specialists performed their jobs in a fine manner not only with enforcement activities but with public relations. *Audubon*

Secretary Jenkins stated he had a lot of the same concerns that were expressed when he began contemplating this issue. He felt the audience at the meeting was only a small public opinion poll. He then stated the bottom line was the employees still have *And* their jobs, their pay, and the only thing they cannot do ~~was~~ write a ticket. *is* A question that needed to be asked is, can enforcement be maintained on the WMAs at least or better than before it was changed. Secretary Jenkins stated if he was wrong, then discussions would be held to change the issue. He stated there was room in the Enforcement Division for 20 more agents and those affected by the decision would have the first opportunity to become agents again. Commissioner Babin stated as a Commission member, he found out about this decision from the newspapers and that the Secretary could have informed the Commission of the action. Secretary Jenkins agreed with Commissioner Babin and apologized for the way it was handled.

Representative Wiggins stated he asked Risk Management for a report on incidences involving WMA or refuge personnel and would the agents all have the same training. *Asked*



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Commissioner Babin then called for <sup>a</sup> question. Commissioners voting to support the Resolution were Commissioner Hanchey, Commissioner Cormier, Commissioner Gisclair, Commissioner Gisclair and Commissioner Babin. Those opposing the Resolution were Commissioner Schneider and Commissioner McCall. Chairman Carver announced the motion passed with a vote of 5 to 2. Chairman Carver then called for a break. Mr. Joe Macaluso stated State laws require a disposition of the Executive Session be given listing any results occurring.

(The full text of the Resolution is  
made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

November 7, 1996

The following resolution was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting in Baton Rouge, LA on November 7, 1996.

TERMINATION OF ENFORCEMENT POWERS  
WILDLIFE SPECIALIST/BIOLOGIST

- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is appointed to protect, conserve, and replenish the wildlife and fisheries resources of the state, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission acknowledges that Louisiana's expansive Wildlife Management Area and Refuge system is second to none, provides diverse and high quality habitat for the state's fish and wildlife, valuable income to the Department and millions of man-days of public outdoor recreation, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission recognizes that strong on-site enforcement of wildlife laws, rules, and regulations have been a vital part of this successful WMA and Refuge program since 1911, and
- WHEREAS,** the Wildlife Specialists and Biologists who have managed and nurtured these areas including the enforcement of the wildlife laws, rules and regulations on them have been solely responsible for the success of this Program, and
- WHEREAS,** the Secretary has removed the enforcement powers of POST certified Wildlife Specialist and Biologist without public discussion or notice, and
- WHEREAS,** the reasons given for taking this action were that the state was incurring excessive liability, no uniformity of

enforcement procedures, fragmented chain of command, no coordination of resources, uniform and dress code problems, non-standard training, non-standard inventory, and the possibility of higher GS levels, and

**WHEREAS,** the Commission has seen no evidence to support that excessive liability claims have been paid by the state for enforcement actions initiated by the POST certified Wildlife Specialists or Biologists, and

**WHEREAS,** the enforcement procedures followed by POST certified Wildlife Specialists and Biologists are the same as those followed by Agents of the Enforcement Division and all citations are reviewed and ultimately sent to local District Attorneys by the Enforcement Division, and

**WHEREAS,** administrative issues such as fragmented chain of command regarding enforcement activities, no coordination of resources, non-standard inventory, uniforms and dress code should and can be addressed by the Secretary without removing 86 much needed enforcement personnel from our WMAs and Refuges, and

**WHEREAS,** all Wildlife Specialists and Biologists who performed enforcement duties are trained to the same standards as sheriff's deputies, city police, and many current Enforcement Division Agents hired prior to the new training program of the Division and by definition this level of training is entitled "Peace Officers Standards Training" and includes required recurrent training to maintain the POST certification, and

**WHEREAS,** other Divisions of the Department have requested that Wildlife Specialist and Biologists receive the same training as the Enforcement Division but have been denied this training, and

**WHEREAS,** this Commission, the legislature and the public have been told on hundreds of occasions that the Department does not have enough enforcement agents to adequately patrol their existing territories, much less the addition of 1.3 million acres of WMAs and Refuges, and

**WHEREAS,** the WMA enforcement responsibility has been professionally handled by existing personnel who will continue to be employed and the Commission is strongly opposed to the fiscal irresponsibility of hiring another group of higher paid employees to do a job that is already being done, and

**WHEREAS,** the stripping of enforcement powers from a valued group of employees who have implemented a highly successful

wildlife management area program under the most adverse conditions because there is a strong possibility that they are not being paid at a level commensurate with the service they provide to the state is reprehensible to the Commission,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does give public notice of its appreciation for the valuable law enforcement service provided by Wildlife Specialists and Biologists in establishing and maintaining control of more than 1.3 million acres of Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges for over 85 years, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does not support the removal of enforcement powers from Wildlife Specialists and Biologists and strongly urges the Secretary to restore these powers and take the administrative action necessary to correct the aforementioned administrative problems regarding enforcement activity by the Department.

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Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

When the Commission Meeting reconvened, Chairman Carver stated the Executive Session was a discussion of the lawsuit Odilon Marceaux, et al. v. State of La., et al., there were no votes taken and that it was strictly for informational purposes only.

Chairman Carver then asked Mr. Dave Morrison if the winner of the Duck Stamp Competition was ~~still~~ in attendance. The winner of the 9th Annual Competition is Mr. Richard W. Hall, 33 years old. This event was Mr. Hall's third time to enter. he has had four limited edition prints of which two have sold out and has had many exhibits throughout the State. He is married with three children living in Lake Charles. Mr. Hall's goal is to paint full-time the swamps, marshes, bayous ~~as well as~~ wildlife of Louisiana. Mr. Hall thanked the Department and stated this was a great outlet for a budding artist.

AND 2 Mr. Hugh Bateman handled the **1997 Turkey Hunting Season Regulations, Final Ratification**. In July, a Notice of Intent was presented on the 1997 spring turkey hunting regulations. Now it was time for final ratification. Area A season dates will be March 22 through April 27; Area B will be April 22 through April 27; and Area C will be March 22 through March 30. The bag limit would be one per day and three per season. Shooting hours would be one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. All hunters between the ages 16 and 59, including Lifetime License holders, must possess a signed turkey stamp when hunting. A major change

that has occurred was the definition of a baited area. Mr. Bateman then read the wording from last year's pamphlet on baited areas and the wording that will appear in this year's pamphlet. The change dealt with there being no prescribed distance in the rule. Mr. Bateman recommended sending out a News Release noting the change so the public could be informed.

Commissioner Gisclair asked what was a safe distance from a baited area? Captain Keith LaCaze stated the distance that was in the previous definition was not in the rule or statute. Every situation is different, but an agent would be looking for birds that are lured to an area by bait. Mr. Bateman read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Bateman felt the turkey pamphlets would be available by the end of December.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
November 7, 1996

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, November 7, 1996.

- WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for turkeys, and
- WHEREAS,** authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS,** this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached rules, regulations, season dates and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife & Fisheries  
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

## RULE

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the July 1996 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in November hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulations on Department operated wildlife management areas for turkeys. Authority to establish regulations are vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

#### 1997 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON SCHEDULE (Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Daily limit one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys are illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited.

No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed.

Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of the birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose

otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

**All licensed turkey hunters including lifetime license holders are required to have a Louisiana Wild Turkey stamp in their possession while turkey hunting, in addition to their basic and big game licenses.**

#### TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Open Only in the Following Areas:

Area A  
March 22-April 27

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Livingston, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the jct. of La. 104 and north of La. 104.

Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, EXCEPT that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its jct. at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its jct. with La. 451.

Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, west of Hwy. 171 from the jct. of Hwy. 26 south to Calcasieu Parish.

Calcasieu: West of U.S. 171 north of I-10 and north of I-10 from the jct. of U.S. 171 to Texas State line.

Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east and north of La. 126 and south and west of La. 127.

Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion of Catahoula listed below.

Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland and Tensas: East of U.S. 65 from the East Carroll Parish line to U.S. 80, south of U.S. 80 westward to La. 17, east of La. 17 and La. 15 from Delhi to Winnsboro to Clayton; west of U.S. 65 from Clayton to jct. of La. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands in East Carroll, Tensas and Madison Parishes lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou.

Iberville: West of La. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

LaSalle: East of Little River and Castor Creek, west of La. 127 from the Caldwell Parish line. ALSO east of La. 126 from the Catahoula Parish line to Rosefield to Holum.

Pointe Coupee: All EXCEPT that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its jct. with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlange to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, EXCEPT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands, formerly St. Landry Land & Timber holdings where the season will be March 22-30, self-clearing permit required, one turkey per hunter bag limit. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its jct. with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way, then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to its jct. with La. 10.

Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin.  
EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Winn: Only that portion within the boundaries of the National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve.

Area B  
April 12-April 27

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River, Webster

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line.

DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84 from U.S. 171 to the Texas state line.

Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north of La. 146 from Chatham to La. 155, north of La. 155 to La. 542, north of La. 542 to Quitman, north of La. 155 to Bienville Parish line.

Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to jct. of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line.

Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 at Farmerville, north of La. 33 from Farmerville to Marion, north of La. 827 from Marion to Dean, north of Dean Church Road to Alabama Landing Road, north of Alabama Landing Road from Dean Church Road intersection to Ouachita River.

Area C  
March 22-March 30

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River.

Avoyelles: That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451, on the west by



the Big Bend levee from its jct. at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its jct. with La. 451.

Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. 84, south of U.S. 84 eastward to La. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. 15 northward to U.S. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line.

Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River.

Tensas: East and south of U.S. 65 from Concordia Parish line to La. 128, south of La. 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of La. 605, 604, 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

#### 1997 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Consult the 1996-97 Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for more detailed rules and regulations governing the Wildlife Management Areas.

Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

All trails and roads designated as **ATV Only** shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through June 1. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted).

Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas shall be one per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

#### PERMITS

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

**LOTTERY HUNTS:** Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application Lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is **January 31, 1997**. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. **Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification.** Contact any District office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters on these areas must record their turkey at the appropriate stations prior to leaving the area.

Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office:  
 District 1-P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055, Phone (318) 371-3050;  
 District 2-368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203, Phone (318) 343-4044;  
 District 3-1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360, Phone (318) 487-5885;  
 District 4-P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334, Phone (318) 757-4571;  
 District 5-1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, 70601, Phone (318) 491-2575;  
 District 6-105 Avenue of the Acadians, Opelousas, 70571-0585, Phone (318) 948-0255;  
 District 7-P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898-9000, Phone (504) 765-2360.

**Wildlife Management Turkey Hunting Schedule\***

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bens Creek	March 22-April 13	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	April 12-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 22-April 13	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 24-26
Fort Polk	March 22-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	April 12-April 20	Self-Clearing	April 12-13 April 14-16
Grassy Lake	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None

Jackson-Bienville	April 12-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 12-April 13 April 19-April 20	Self-Clearing	April 12-13 April 19-20
Pearl River	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 22-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Sandy Hollow	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 24-26
Sicily Island	March 22-March 23 March 29-March 30 April 5-April 6	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 29-30 April 5-6
Three Rivers	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills	March 22-March 23 March 29-March 30 April 5-April 6	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 29-30 April 5-6

**\*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed shall have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office for specific information and any additional season dates.**

**\*\*THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR ALL TURKEY LOTTERY HUNTS ON WMAs IS JANUARY 31, 1997.**

#### **Volunteer Turkey Weigh and Check Stations**

In an effort to better manage Louisiana's turkey population, volunteer weigh and check stations are located throughout the state at local sporting good stores, grocery stores and hunting clubs. Scales and data sheets are located at the stations for your convenience. Please have your turkey weighed and measured at one of these stations. By recording your turkey, you automatically are eligible for one of three shotguns to be given away in the early summer. An annotated list of turkey weigh stations is included in the regulations pamphlet.

**AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.**

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22: .

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Mr. Hugh A. Bateman, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

*that* NAWMP, 10 Year Louisiana's Accomplishments, DU Inc., Fish & Wildlife Service was the next item to be handled. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated in July 1986, a new conservation effort to protect wetlands was ~~just~~ completed and signed by Canada and the United States. Over the last 10 years, some remarkable contributions have been made in Louisiana. Mr. Bateman stated 1996 could be called the Year of the Duck with record fall flights of ducks heading south. One thing that has been learned over the past 10 years was that habitat is what counts. The focus of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) was habitat for the whole North American Continent. Mr. Jimmy Emfinger, the North American Coordinator for the Department, showed slides of accomplishments the Department has made and historical review of what the Department's contribution to the Plan has been. *GAVE A* The last 10 years of NAWMP has shown how a Partnership and working with others has worked. The cumulative expenditures of \$836 million has helped restore, protect and enhance wetlands in Canada, United States and Mexico totalling 3.4 million acres.

Mr. Emfinger stated this was a team effort with leadership from Mr. Bateman and assistance from the field staff. At this point Mr. Emfinger showed a slide series. One of the slides showed how Louisiana was split into the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture and the Gulf Coast Joint Venture. One of the major problems to conquer from Louisiana's action plan was obtaining *they* cooperation of private landowners. Technical assistance was given *their* to these landowners so he could manage his land for waterfowl and wetland wildlife. Louisiana is involved in a plan called the Louisiana Waterfowl Project and cooperators include the Department, Ducks Unlimited, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, private pipeline companies and landowners. Other projects that have been accomplished because of this Plan were described by Mr. Emfinger. Another funding source, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant, has contributed several million dollars to wetland restoration. Mr. Emfinger then explained several of the projects being conducted with NAWCA Grant money. To summarize, the Department has been able to generate \$4.9 million of non-Department funds. With this money, the Department was able to create 43,847 acres of wetlands. The NAWMP is a success story, but with a long way to go, stated Mr. Emfinger. The continental fall

flight for 1996 is expected to reach 115 million birds and this exceeds the goals of the NAWMP.

Mr. Emfinger introduced Mr. Ross Melenchuk, Director of State and Federal Coordination for the Southern Regional Office of Ducks Unlimited. Mr. Melenchuk expressed their appreciation to the Department and Commission for the support and dedication on the NAWMP. Conditions on the Canadian prairies are above average and look better than the past 25 years. Mr. Melenchuk then explained what has been occurring on the breeding grounds and the partnering efforts with Ducks Unlimited. He also stated Ducks Unlimited was pleased to be partners with the Department. He urged the Commissions continued support with the Plan. Mr. Bateman stated a baseball cap commemorating the 10th anniversary was being presented from the Fish and Wildlife Service. He then announced Mr. Emfinger would be terminating his employment with the Department on November 15, 1996 and thanked him for all his hard work over the years. Mr. Bateman then concluded stating Mr. Richard Yancey served on the original board that put the Plan together.

Mr. Bennie Fontenot handled the **Rule Ratification for Fish Seining Permit, Lake Louis**. The rule would allow commercial fish seining on Lake Louis, Catahoula Parish by permit only. The local lake commission initiated the request to resolve conflicts that were occurring on the lake between seiners and recreational fishermen. The permit has 8 regulations and has been tried and works well on two other oxbow lakes in the area. Mr. Fontenot asked for final ratification. Commissioner Babin asked if regulation #8 would impact a lot of people? Mr. Fontenot stated there would may be only 7 seine fishermen applying for the permit. Commissioner Babin made a motion to ratify the rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

#### RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following rule on commercial fish seining on Lake Louis, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

## Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

### §183. Commercial Fish Seining Regulations, Lake Louis

Commercial fish seining regulations on Lake Louis, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana are as follows:

Commercial fish seining shall be prohibited on Lake Louis except that fish seining will be legal under a special permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as described below:

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL COMMERCIAL FISH SEINING PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR PERIOD: January 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to December 31, \_\_\_\_\_

This permit entitles the holder, who must have a valid commercial fishing license and fish seine license, to conduct legal fish seining operations on Lake Louis, in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

In addition to existing Louisiana fish seining rules, the following special permit regulations shall apply:

1. Seining shall be permitted only on Monday through Friday, during daylight hours from official sunrise to official sunset.

2. Permittee shall notify Enforcement Personnel, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, located at the Region IV office headquarters, Ferriday, Louisiana, at least 24 hours prior to conducting each seining operation.

3. Permittee shall make every effort to conduct seining operations as per R.S. 56:328 which states: "Nets shall not be hauled out upon the shore in such a way that any illegal fish which may happen to be taken therein cannot be returned to the water without injury."

4. Permittee shall leave no fish captured during a seining operation on or in the vicinity of the shoreline.

5. Permittee must have this permit on his person while using or transporting commercial fish seines in the above described waters.

6. Failure to comply with the terms of this permit or any Louisiana commercial fishing regulations shall result in immediate

cancellation of the permit, and the option to deny the issuance of another seine permit in the future.

7. This permit is issued on a calendar year basis and shall be renewed each year.

8. No person convicted of a fisheries related violation Class II or greater within the last five years shall be eligible to obtain this permit.

Sincerely,  
Secretary

I have read and understand the terms of this permit and agree to comply.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22.  
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22: .

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

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**Rule Ratification on the Recreational Harvest for Southern Flounder** was handled by Mr. Harry Blanchet. A Notice of Intent, which was approved last spring, placed a 10 fish bag and possession limit for the recreational fishermen harvesting southern flounder in Louisiana waters. The Department received some public comments requesting a total closure for both recreational and commercial for one year. Mr. Blanchet asked the Commission for final approval. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Cormier. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a rule (Title 76:VII.353) to place daily take and possession limits on the recreational harvest of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma). Authority for adoption of this rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

**Title 76**

## WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

### PART VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

#### Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

##### §353. Rules for Recreational Harvest of Southern Flounder

The daily take and possession limit for the recreational taking of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) caught within or without Louisiana waters shall be ten fish per day and in possession.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

Chairman Carver asked Secretary Jenkins if he put the next item, **Notice of Intent to Repeal or Amend Goose Creeping Rule** on the agenda. Secretary Jenkins stated it was put on in case the Commission wanted to take action on it. Commissioner Schneider asked if it would affect hunters this year, to which Chairman Carver stated no. Hearing no further discussion, the meeting continued.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for October** was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. While giving the report, Chairman Carver asked for the introduction of the Captains that were in attendance. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of October.

Region I - Minden - 74 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 67 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 130 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 48 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 86 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 150 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 166 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 354 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 263 citations.



Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 37 citations.

Seafood Investigative Strike Force - 35 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 119 citations.

A shrimp activity report was attached to the report. The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of October was 1,546. Col. Vidrine thanked the agents for the job they have been doing and for the extra effort performed during October. Chairman Carver asked if there was one specific WMA rule that more citations are written for. Commissioner Schneider asked how does the number of citations written for this month compare to the number written last year for the same month? Col. Vidrine stated there were 1,223 tickets issued for October 1995 as compared to 1,546 for this year. Commissioner Schneider asked what was the reason contributing to the increase in citations this year? Col. Vidrine stated the agents put in an extra effort.

Having no **Division Reports**, Chairman Carver went on to the next agenda item.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners decided to hold the **March 1997 Meeting** on Thursday, March 6, 1997 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Baton Rouge office.

Chairman Carver then asked if there were any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Babin.

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James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary

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OUTDOORS/FINE POINTS

# LDWF secretary to stick with plan despite objections

By JOE MACALUSO  
Advocate outdoor's writer

Despite the pleadings of a state representative, a Wildlife and Fisheries Commission resolution and pleas by current and former employees, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr. said he's sticking to his decision to remove enforcement powers from staff biologists and specialists on 1.3 million acres of state-owned wildlife management areas.

There is a big question about what's going to happen to the 86 employees, and the answer is they have their jobs, and we're not taking them off the WMAs," Jenkins said. His statement followed nearly two hours of public comment on the subject, most of which was spent opposing his Oct. 1 mandate that the WMA staffers give up enforcement powers on their assigned lands.

"These employees are not going anywhere, and the only thing they can't do is write a ticket," Jenkins continued. "After hearing about this for the last six weeks, I think a lot of people are overly concerned about things that are not going to happen." Several statewide organizations opposed the move, among them the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, the Bayou State Bowhunters and the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

LWF state president Terry Melancon said the 15,000-member group's board of directors reviewed Jenkins' action and "the 10 difficulties cited in his report as reasons for his action and, while we realize that some are legitimate concerns, the move is not substantiated in the field."

On the WMAs, "We believe Mr. Jenkins reduced enforcement, provided for less protection of state lands and created inefficiency in this agency," one of the opponents addressed.

"We believe he took the wrong approach to this problem in this agency," another of Jenkins' reasons was.

Another of Jenkins' reasons was that the state faced legal action over enforcement citations written by biologists and biologists because of differences in enforcement education between them and the LDWF's Enforcement Division agents.

Others were a lack of uniformity in enforcing LDWF rules and regulations, a lack of proper chain of command in enforcement duties and uniform dress code problems.

None of the opponents addressed the lawsuit.

"We believe he took the wrong approach to this problem in this agency," Rep. Randy Wiggins (R, Pineville) said.

documentation to support the claim. "We have serious problems in this state and we don't need to go out and make more problems," Wiggins told the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. "Taking the enforcement duties from these men before the hunting season is like laying off (New Orleans) police the week before Mardi Gras. It doesn't make sense."

Businessman Chris Landry said his concern is the protection of the wildlife resources and the protection of the people who protect the resources.

"These men are on the land 24 hours a day, every day and know their areas," Landry said. "It's not likely that someone is going to pull a gun on one of these men if they have a couple of ducks hidden away, but that may not be the case for the people who have 50 or 60 pounds of marijuana they have grown deep in the marshes. That could be a serious situation for these men who work on these state lands."

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FINE POINTS

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To take up the enforcement slack, Jenkins said Enforcement Division agents have been dispatched to WMAs either by a telephone call from the specialists and biologists or through routine patrol.

"And, if you look at the difference between this year and last, it looks like the question about lack of enforcement on the WMAs has been answered," Jenkins said.

"Enforcement agents wrote 339 citations on WMAs in October compared to 164 written by the WMA staff during the same month last year, and still wrote as many citations off the WMAs."

"I believe this new approach will work. If it doesn't then we'll find another solution."

## Flounder limit increased, turkey season finalized at commission meeting

By JOE MACALUSO  
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Turkey hunters have their final dates for 1997's spring season and coastal fishermen have a new limit to know, 10 per day on flounder, after Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission voted at its regular monthly meeting on Thursday.

With state biologists talking about the best wild turkey hatch in five years, the commission approved a March 22-April 27 season in Area A, which includes the Baton Rouge area.

The commission approved an April 12-27 season in Area B and a March 22-30 season in Area C.

Hunting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset with the limits set at one per day and three per season.

The one notable turkey season change came in redefining what

biologists and enforcement agents believe was a gap in baiting laws. Eliminated is the 100-yard limit hunters were required to maintain between hunting location and any feed grains or salt — bait — in an area.

The new regulation prohibits the use of any grain or salt that could be considered a lure to turkeys in the hunter's area.

The LWFC also approved the need for a special commercial fishing permit for Catahoula Parish's Lake Louis and a March 5, 1997 meeting date.

A Notice of Intent to repeal or amend the state's goose-creeping law was deferred.

A \$3,300 donation was accepted from the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs for the state-run Beechwood Fish Hatchery.

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COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Thursday, November 7, 1996  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Glynn Carver (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	___
Perry Gisclair	<u>✓</u>	___
Jeff Schneider	<u>✓</u>	___
Daniel Babin	<u>✓</u>	___
Joseph Cormier	<u>✓</u>	___
Jerald Hanchey	<u>✓</u>	___
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	___

Mr. Chairman:

There are 1 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.  
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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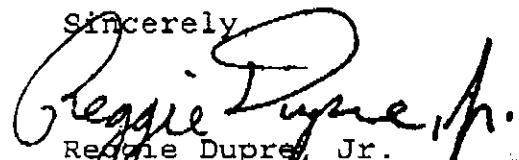


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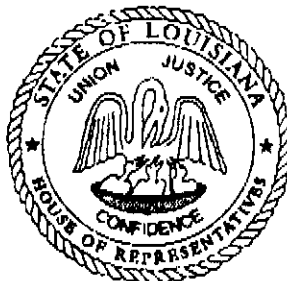
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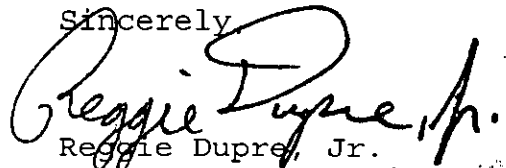
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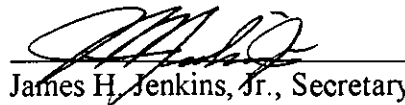
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## RULE

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the July 1996 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in November hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulations on Department operated wildlife management areas for turkeys. Authority to establish regulations are vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

#### 1997 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON SCHEDULE

(Shooting Hours: One-half hour before  
sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Daily limit one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys are illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited.

No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of

luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed.

Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of the birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

All licensed turkey hunters including lifetime license holders are required to have a Louisiana Wild Turkey stamp in their possession while turkey hunting, in addition to their basic and big game licenses.

#### TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Open Only in the Following Areas:

Area A

March 22-April 27

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Livingston, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the jct. of La. 104 and north of La. 104.

Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, EXCEPT that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its jct. at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its jct. with La. 451.

Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, west of Hwy. 171 from the jct. of Hwy. 26 south to Calcasieu Parish.

Calcasieu: West of U.S. 171 north of I-10 and north of I-10 from the jct. of U.S. 171 to Texas State line.

Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east and north of La. 126 and south and west of La. 127.

Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion of Catahoula listed

below.

Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland and Tensas: East of U.S. 65 from the East Carroll Parish line to U.S. 80, south of U.S. 80 westward to La. 17, east of La. 17 and La. 15 from Delhi to Winnsboro to Clayton; west of U.S. 65 from Clayton to jct. of La. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands in East Carroll, Tensas and Madison Parishes lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou.

Iberville: West of La. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

LaSalle: East of Little River and Castor Creek, west of La. 127 from the Caldwell Parish line. ALSO east of La. 126 from the Catahoula Parish line to Rosefield to Holum.

Pointe Coupee: All EXCEPT that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its jct. with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlang to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, EXCEPT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands, formerly St. Landry Land & Timber

holdings where the season will be March 22-30, self-clearing permit required, one turkey per hunter bag limit. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its jct. with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way, then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to its jct. with La. 10.

Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Winn: Only that portion within the boundaries of the National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve.

#### Area B

April 12-April 27

#### ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River, Webster

#### PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line.

DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84 from U.S. 171 to the Texas state line.

Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west

of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north of La. 146 from Chatham to La. 155, north of La. 155 to La. 542, north of La. 542 to Quitman, north of La. 155 to Bienville Parish line.

Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to jct. of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line.

Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 at Farmerville, north of La. 33 from Farmerville to Marion, north of La. 827 from Marion to Dean, north of Dean Church Road to Alabama Landing Road, north of Alabama Landing Road from Dean Church Road intersection to Ouachita River.

#### Area C

March 22-March 30

#### PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River.

Avoyelles: That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend levee from its jct. at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its jct. with La. 451.

Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. 84, south of U.S. 84 eastward to La. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. 15 northward to U.S. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line.

Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River.



Tensas: East and south of U.S. 65 from Concordia Parish line to La. 128, south of La. 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of La. 605, 604, 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

## 1997 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

### GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Consult the 1996-97 Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for more detailed rules and regulations governing the Wildlife Management Areas.

Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

All trails and roads designated as **ATV Only** shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through June 1. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted).

Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas shall be one per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

### PERMITS

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts,

are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

LOTTERY HUNTS: Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application Lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is **January 31, 1997**. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any District office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters on these areas must record their turkey at the appropriate stations prior to leaving the area.

Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office:

District 1-P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055, Phone (318) 371-3050;

District 2-368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203, Phone (318) 343-4044;

District 3-1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360, Phone (318) 487-5885;

District 4-P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334, Phone (318) 757-4571;

District 5-1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, 70601, Phone (318) 491-2575;

District 6-105 Avenue of the Acadians, Opelousas, 70571-0585, Phone

(318) 948-0255;

District 7-P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898-9000, Phone (504)  
765-2360.

**Wildlife Management Turkey Hunting Schedule\***

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bens Creek	March 22-April 13	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	April 12-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 22-April 13	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 24-26
Fort Polk	March 22-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia- Pacific	April 12-April 20	Self-Clearing	April 12-13 April 14-16
Grassy Lake	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson- Bienville	April 12-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None

Loggy Bayou	April 12-April 13 April 19-April 20	Self-Clearing	April 12-13 April 19-20
Pearl River	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 22-April 27	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Sandy Hollow	March 22-April 6	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 24-26
Sicily Island	March 22-March 23 March 29-March 30 April 5-April 6	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 29-30 April 5-6
Three Rivers	March 22-March 30	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills	March 22-March 23 March 29-March 30 April 5-April 6	Self-Clearing	March 22-23 March 29-30 April 5-6

**\*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed shall have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office for specific information and any additional season dates.**

**\*\*THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR ALL TURKEY LOTTERY**

**HUNTS ON WMAs IS JANUARY 31, 1997.**

**Volunteer Turkey Weigh and Check Stations**

In an effort to better manage Louisiana's turkey population, volunteer weigh and check stations are located throughout the state at local sporting good stores, grocery stores and hunting clubs. Scales and data sheets are located at the stations for your convenience. Please have your turkey weighed and measured at one of these stations. By recording your turkey, you automatically are eligible for one of three shotguns to be given away in the early summer. An annotated list of turkey weigh stations is included in the regulations pamphlet.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22: .

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Mr. Hugh A. Bateman, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Glynn Carver

Chairman

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE NON-DEPARTMENT MONIES  
GENERATED BY  
NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECTS  
1986 - 1996

PROJECT	DATE	DOLLARS	SOURCE	ACRES
MARSH ISLAND	1986	\$200,000	D.U. MARSH	8,000 RESTORED
OUACHITA WMA	1987	\$101,068	D.U. MARSH	1,680 CREATED
SODA LAKE WMA	1988	\$23,644 \$10,000	D.U. MARSH INTER. PAPER CO.	800 CREATED
POMME-DE-TERRE WMA	1989	\$85,000	D.U. MARSH	3,000 CREATED
ROCKEFELLER PRICE LAKE	1989	\$90,000	D.U. MARSH	7,000 RESTORED
PASS-A-LOUTRE DELTA SPLAYS	1991	\$32,000 \$7,000 \$20,000 \$20,000 \$60,000	NAWCA GRANT TEXACO INC. CHEVRON NFWF GRANT NAWCA GRANT	5,067 CREATED
JOYCE WMA	1992	\$34,551	D.U. MARSH	PUBLIC ACCESS
SPRING BAYOU GRASSY LAKE POMME-DE-TERRE VEG. CONTROL	1993	\$38,000	MONSANTO	475 RESTORED
RED RIVER WMA GREENTREE	1994	\$27,675	D.U. MARSH	800 CREATED
BAYOU PIERRE WMA	1994	\$69,000 \$24,000 \$10,000	D.U. MARSH NFWF NRCS	300 CREATED
BOEUF WMA GREENTREE	1995	\$314,235 \$12,000	D.U. MARSH NRCS	1500 CREATED
RED RIVER WMA YAKY TRACT	1995	\$216,400 \$46,500 \$20,000	NAWCA GRANT D.U. MARSH FLORIDA GAS	544 CREATED 100 CREATED
SHERBURNE WMA	1996	\$426,300 \$254,604 \$150,000	NAWCA GRANT D.U. MARSH EXXON	1177 CREATED 282 RESTORED
BUCKHORN WMA	1996	\$14,700 \$4,000	WALKER FOUND. D.U. MARSH	130 CREATED

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BOEUF WMA GRANT		
WETLAND & REFORESTATION	\$1,000,000	NAWCA GRANT 7,500 RESTORED
	\$19,253	D.U. MARSH
	\$32,298	NRCS
	\$10,000	NWTF
	\$1,659	LA. WILDLIFE FED.
	\$19,320	TENSAS DELTA LAND CO.

CATAHOULA LAKE VEG. CONTROL	\$23,000	D.U. DONOR DOLLARS
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NAWMP PROJECT VALUE	\$3,416,207.00
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MONIES GENERATED VIA W.R.P. CONTRACTS  
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

OUACHITA WMA	\$267,269 plus \$38,730 VALUE 1042 ACRES REFORESTED
BAYOU MACON	\$176,485 plus \$52,407 VALUE 392 ACRES REFORESTED
BOEUF WMA TENSAS DELTA TRACT	\$302,000 plus \$200,000 VALUE 1057 ACRES REFORESTED

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WRP VALUE	\$1,036,891.00
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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE  
PROJECTS PENDING

BOEUF WMA TENSAS DELTA GRANT 2	\$473,030.00
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TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENT MONIES GENERATED BY NAWMP PROJECTS	\$4,926,128.00
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TOTAL ACRES WETLAND HABITAT CREATED, ENHANCED OR DEVELOPED BY NAWMP PROJECTS	43,847
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**RULE**

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following rule on commercial fish seining on Lake Louis, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

**Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing**

**§183. Commercial Fish Seining Regulations, Lake Louis**

Commercial fish seining regulations on Lake Louis, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana are as follows:

Commercial fish seining shall be prohibited on Lake Louis except that fish seining will be legal under a special permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as described below:

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL COMMERCIAL FISH SEINING PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR PERIOD: January 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to December 31, \_\_\_\_\_

This permit entitles the holder, who must have a valid commercial fishing license and fish seine license, to conduct legal fish seining operations on Lake Louis, in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

In addition to existing Louisiana fish seining rules, the following special permit regulations shall apply:



1. Seining shall be permitted only on Monday through Friday, during daylight hours from official sunrise to official sunset.

2. Permittee shall notify Enforcement Personnel, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, located at the Region IV office headquarters, Ferriday, Louisiana, at least 24 hours prior to conducting each seining operation.

3. Permittee shall make every effort to conduct seining operations as per R.S. 56:328 which states: "Nets shall not be hauled out upon the shore in such a way that any illegal fish which may happen to be taken therein cannot be returned to the water without injury."

4. Permittee shall leave no fish captured during a seining operation on or in the vicinity of the shoreline.

5. Permittee must have this permit on his person while using or transporting commercial fish seines in the above described waters.

6. Failure to comply with the terms of this permit or any Louisiana commercial fishing regulations shall result in immediate cancellation of the permit, and the option to deny the issuance of another seine permit in the future.

7. This permit is issued on a calendar year basis and shall be renewed each year.

8. No person convicted of a fisheries related violation Class II or greater within the last five years shall be eligible to obtain this permit.

Sincerely,

Secretary

I have read and understand the terms of this permit and agree to comply.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22: .

Glynn Carver

Chairman

## RULE

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a rule (Title 76:VII.353) to place daily take and possession limits on the recreational harvest of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma). Authority for adoption of this rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

## Title 76

### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### PART VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

#### Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

#### §353. Rules for Recreational Harvest of Southern Flounder

The daily take and possession limit for the recreational taking of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) caught within or without Louisiana waters shall be ten fish per day and in possession.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:

Glynn Carver

Chairman

## NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to repeal the goose creeping rule.

### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

#### Chapter 3. Wild Birds

#### §307. Goose Creeping

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 14:547 (August 1988); amended LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to: Mr. James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretart, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 prior to January 30, 1997.

Glynn Carver

Chairman

**PRESENT REGULATION AS IT APPEARS IN TITLE 76**

**§307. Goose Creeping**

It shall be unlawful to approach geese by creeping, crawling, or stalking for the purpose of taking geese or thereafter causing geese to be taken. "Take" means, in its different tenses, the attempt or act of hooking, pursuing netting, capturing, snaring, trapping, shooting, hunting, wounding, or killing by any means or devise.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 14:547 (August 1988).

1997		March			1997	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**

**OCTOBER 1996**

**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT -OCTOBER 1996**

**REGION I**

**TOTAL CASES-74**

**WMA AND REFUGES- 25**

**4-Boating**

**9-Angling W/O A License**

**1-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident**

**15-Fishing W/O Resident Pole License**

**1-Hunting W/O Resident License**

**2-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License**

**2-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules**

**1-Hunt From A Moving Vehicle**

**9-Hunt W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer**

**1-Poss. Of Buckshot During closed Season (R&R)**

**4-Failure To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations**

**1-Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License**

**2-Possession Of Gun While Bow Hunting**

**1-Hunt Deer Illegal Methods**

**1-Hunt And/Or Take Deer From Public Road**

**1-Field Possession Of Deer Meat W/O Tag**

**11-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA**

**5-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road**

**1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road**



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**REGION I CONT'D.**

**2-Federal**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**1 hunter crossbow, 4 crossbow bolts, 1 rifle, 1 knife.**

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:**

**4-Boating**

**25-Sport Fishing**

**26-Hunting**

**19-Misc.**

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REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-67

WMA & REFUGES-35

**11-Boating**

**2-Angling W/O A License**

**1-/Fish W/O A Resident Pole License**

**1-Take Over Limit Black Bass**

**1-Sell Game Fish**

**1-Hunting W/O Resident License**

**1-Hunt From A Public Road**

**2-Hunt Deer Illegal Hours**

**2-Hunt From A Public Road**

**1-Failure To Maintain Sex I.D.**

**3-Failure To Comply With Hunters Orange Reg.**

**1-Hunting W/O Muzzle Loader License**

**2-Hunting On Federal WMA In Closed Season**

**1-Possession Of Marijuana**

**3-BWI**

**32-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA**

**1-Vehicular Homicide**

**1-Littering**

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REGION 2 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

16 black bass, 2 rifles and scope, 1 nylon sling, 1 bag marijuana, 4 deer parts,  
, 20 lbs. Of crappie filet.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

11-Boating

3-Public Assistance

5-Sport Fishing

13-Hunting

37-Other

1-Littering

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REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-130

WMA&REFUGES-84

**10-Boating**

**7-Angling W/O A License In Possession**

**1-Possession Over The Limit Of Black Bass**

**6-Hunt Deer Illegal Hours**

**1-Possess Over Limit Of Deer**

**1-Take Illegal Deer Open Season**

**2-Hunt Deer In Closed Season**

**1-Hunting Deer Illegal Methods**

**2-Hunt/Possess Squirrels In Closed Season**

**1-Poss. Live Quadrupeds W/O Permit**

**6-Hunt W/O Resident Basic License**

**2-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License**

**4-Hunt W/Unplugged Gun**

**2-Possession Buckshot Closed Deer Season**

**6-Hunt From Moving Vehicle**

**4-Hunt From A Public Road**

**1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road**

**7-Failure To Wear Hunters Orange**

**4-Hunt Deer Over Bait**

**REGION 3 CONT'D.**

- 2-Construct Permanent Deer Stands
- 4-Criminal Damage Of Property (Cutting Trees)
- 46-Failure To Abide By Rules And Regs. On WMA
- 2-Possession Ducks Closed Season
- 1-Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
- 1-Reckless Operation Of Motor Vehicle
- 1-DWI 4th Offense
- 1-Passing On Shoulder Of Highway
- 1-Simple Obstruction Of Highway Of Commerce
- 1-Switched License Plates
- 1-No Inspection Sticker
- 1-No Liability Insurance

**CONFISCATIONS:**

2 bags of marijuana, 1 marijuana cigarette, 1 diazepam pill, 6 weapons, 1 spotlight, 1 license plate.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:**

- 10-Boating
- 1-Littering
- 8-Sport Fishing
- 101-Hunting
- 2-MGB
- 8-Other

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REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-48

WMA & REFUGES-35

1-Boating

3-Angling W/O A License

7-Hunting With A Resident License

4-Hunting With An Unplugged Gun

1-Possession Of Untagged Deer Or Bear

1-Field Possession Of Deer Meat W/O Tag

1-Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements

2-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours

1-Possess Over Limit Of Doves (Field Possession)

1-Other

1-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

25-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

17 doves.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

3-Fishing

28-Other

13-Hunting

3-Federal

1-Boating

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REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-86

WMA&REFUGES-27

**8-Boating**

**18-Angling W/O A License**

**6-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License**

**1-Take/Poss U.S. Red Drum**

**3-Take/Poss. U.S. Black Drum**

**2-Take/Poss. W/O Commercial License**

**1-Take/Poss. W/O A Gear License**

**1-Sell/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale Retail Dealers License**

**1-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags**

**2-Hunting W/O A License**

**3-Hunting From A Moving Vehicle**

**2-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun**

**3-Hunting At Night W/Light And Gun**

**3-Hunting From A Public Road**

**1-Take Illegal Deer Out of Season**

**1-Failure To Wear Hunter's Orange**

**1-Hunting W/O A Federal Stamp**

**1-Hunting MGB From Moving Vehicle**

**1-Using Lead Shot In SSO Zone**

REGION 5 CONT'D.

1-Hunting Ducks Closed Season

1-Taking Non-Game Birds No Season

1-Hunting MGB W/O State Stamp

2-Hunting MGB W/O Basic Hunting License

2-Criminal Trespass

1-Discharge Firearm From A Public Road

18-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

1,247 red snapper, 1 deer, 12 doves, 1 owl, 2 woodducks, 3 black drum, 1 red drum, 2 shotguns, 3 shotgun shells, 28 beeliner, 15 trigger fish, 5 scamp.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

8-Boating

12-Other

28-Sport Fishing

1-Littering

15-Comm. Fishing

4-Public Assistance

8-MGB



**REGION 6**

**TOTAL CASES-150**

**WMA & REFUGES- 53**

**40-Boating**

**21-Angling W/O A Resident License**

**2-Use Gear Without Recreational Gear License**

**5-Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally**

**2-Take Illegal Size Black Bass**

**1-Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License**

**2-Buy Fish With No Wholesale/Retail Dealer License**

**1-Buy commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fishermen**

**1-Use Crab Traps With Illegal Markings**

**12-Hunting W/O A Resident License**

**5-Hunting W/O A Non-Resident License**

**1-Bow Hunt W/O Bow License**

**10-Hunting With Unplugged Gun**

**1-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp**

**11-Fail To Comply With Hunter Safety Regulations**

**1-Take And/Or Possess Over The Limit Of Squirrel**

**1-Hunt W/O Big Game License In Possession**

**3-Hunt On DMAP Lands Without Permit From Owner/Lessee**

**3-Hunt Teal With Aid Of Bait**

**REGION 6 CONT'D.**

8-Using Lead Shot In Designated Steel Shot Area

1-Hunting Ducks Closed Season

3-Jointly Take Over Limit Of Teal

1-Trawling Inside Waters With Oversize Double Rigs

14-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

**CONFISCATIONS:**

418 leadshot shells, 54 blue wing teal, 19 black bass, 15 squirrels, 4 sac-a-lait, 1 white bass, 37 crappie, 5 bream, 144 lbs. Of shrimp Sold for \$173.90, 2-five gallon buckets, 2 shrimp trawls, 1 shrimp basket, 1 receipt for purchase of shrimp, 2 shotguns, 2 wood ducks, 3 doves.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:**

40-Boating

30-Sport Fishing

5-Commercial Fishing

45-Hunting

15-MGB

1-Trawling

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REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-166

WMA&REFUGES -7

**20-Boating**

**34-Angling W/O A Resident License**

**3-Angling W/O Non-Res. License**

**5-Angling W/O A Cane Pole License**

**1-No Wholesale/Retail Dealers License**

**1-Fail To Maintain Records**

**8-Hunt W/O Resident License**

**4-Hunt W/O Non-Resident License**

**4-Bow Hunt W/O Archery License**

**14-Hunt From A Moving Vehicle**

**2-Hunt With Unplugged Gun**

**15-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours**

**14-Hunt From A Public Road**

**2-Possession Of Buckshot Closed Deer Season**

**3-Violate Hunter Safety Rules And Regs.**

**2-Possession Of Overlimit Of Squirrels**

**2-Hunt Deer W/O Big Game License**

**4-Take Deer Illegal Hours**

**1-Take Deer Illegal Methods**

**REGION 7 CONT'D.**

1-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer

5-Fishing W/O A Saltwater License

1-Possession Of Spotted Fawn

1-Resisting Arrest

1-Take Undersize Spotted Trout

1-Take Fish W/O Commercial License

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial Gear License

1-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags For 90 Days

1-Failure To Tag Containerized Oysters

1-Failure To Comply With Oyster Packing Regulations

1-Possession Of A Firearm By A Convicted Felon

6-Spotlight From A Public Road

4-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

**CONFISCATIONS:**

3 deer, 10 squirrels, 1 rabbit, 1 hog, 16 specks, 140 lbs. Of crabs returned-to-water, 4 pints of oysters destroyed, 7 weapons, 5 spotlights, 1 game feeder.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:**

20-Boating

77-Hunting

12-Other

48-Sport Fishing

9-Commercial Fishing

**REGION 8**

**TOTAL CASES-354**

**WMA&REFUGES- 41**

**38-Boating**

**84-Angling W/O Basic License**

**4-Angling W/O Non-Resident License**

**1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License**

**6-Angling W/O Saltwater License**

**1-Angling W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License**

**2-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp**

**1-Possess Undersize Freshwater Gamefish**

**1-Fail To Have Fish Intact**

**4-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum**

**2-Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum**

**2-Not Abiding by Commission Rules And Regs.**

**2-Failure To Have Commercial License In Possession**

**3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License**

**2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License**

**6-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License**

**2-Sell Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License**

**1-Leave Nets Unattended**

**2-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish**

REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 2-Take Commercial Fish Using More Than One Strike Net
- 4-Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
- 1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 1-Permit Unlicensed Person to Use Commercial Gear
- 3-Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs
- 1-Fail To Comply With Shark Permit And Report Rules
- 1-Trawl Inside Waters With Oversize Double Rigs
- 3-Use Illegal Mesh Trawl, Butterfly Or Skimmer Nets
- 4-Take Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
- 36-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
- 3-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
- 3-Hunt W/O Resident License
- 1-Possess Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License
- 4-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
- 4-Fail To Abide By Commission Rules
- 4-Hunt From Moving Vehicle
- 1-Hunt With Unplugged Gun
- 6-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
- 2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
- 1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit

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REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 2-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
- 2-Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
- 1-Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
- 2-Hunt With Unplugged Gun
- 6-Hunt MGB Over Baited Area
- 3-Hunt/Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season
- 2-Hunt MGB From Moving Motorboat
- 2-Hunt MGB With Illegal Firearm
- 3-Transport Completely Dressed MGB
- 1-Possession Over The Two Day Limit Of MGB
- 1-Wanton Waste Of MGB
- 9-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
- 2-Hunt Doves In Closed Season
- 2-Possess Over The Limit Of Doves
- 7-Possess Over The Limit Of Ducks
- 1-Hunt Rails In Closed Season
- 2-Take Ibis No-Season
- 1-Violate National Wildlife Regulations (Gill Net On Federal Refuge)
- 1-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
- 13-Violation Of Sanitary Code
- 15-Take Commercial Mullet In Closed Season

**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

**4-Take Commercial Mullet With Mullet Strike Net In Excess Of 1200 feet**

**21-Other Than Wildlife**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

584 sacks of oysters, 2,636 lbs. Of shrimp sold for \$5,029.80, 7,537 lbs. of black drum, 28 red drum, 35 spanish mackeral, 8 doves, 20 duck breasts, 1 ibis, 1 deer, 2 trawls, 14 crab traps, 6,480 feet of strike net, 1 commercial license, 3 state duck stamps, 1 resident hunting licenses, 1 rifle, 223 lead shells, 941 lbs. Of crabs, 9,504 lbs. Of mullet sold for \$1,998.80, 108 catfish, 1 cobia, 11 speckled trout, 47 ducks, 5 clapper rails, 24 gallinules, 2 skimmer nets, 4 net tails, 1 spotlight, 1 gear license, 4 shotguns.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:**

**38-Boating**

**107-Sport Fishing**

**109-Commercial Fishing**

**79-Hunting**

**21-Other**



REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-263

WMA&REFUGES- 32

**16-Boating**

**24-Angling W/O Fishing License**

**4-Angling W/O License Non-Resident**

**9-Angling W/O Saltwater License**

**1-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident**

**12-Failure To Have Saltwater Stamp**

**4-Possess Overlimit Of Red Drum**

**3-Take Undersize Red Drum**

**2-Take Undersize Spotted Sea Trout**

**16-Take Undersize Black Drum**

**1-Take Overlimit Of Black Drum**

**2-Possess Overlimit Of Flounder**

**1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession**

**4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License**

**3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License**

**8-Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License**

**1-Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License**

**2-Fail To Maintain Records**

**1-Transport W/O Required License**

REGION 9 CONT'D.

- 1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish
- 2-Leave Nets Unattended
- 2-Use Saltwater Net Illegally
- 2-Take Saltwater Commercial Fish Closed Season
- 2-Take Saltwater Commercial Fish Illegal Hours
- 2-Violate Provision For Taking Commercial Fish
- 1-Blocking Passage Of Fish
- 1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
- 1-Fail To Report Commercial Fish Data
- 2-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
- 1-Failure To Mark Nets
- 4-Possess Commercial Hard Crabs
- 1-Theft Of Crab Trap
- 1-Use Illegal Mesh Skimmers
- 11-Unlawfully Take Oysters State Water Bottoms
- 24-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
- 1-Failure To Pay Severance Tax
- 6-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
- 3-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License

**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

3-Hunting W/O Resident License

7-Hunting From Moving Vehicle

4-Hunting With Unplugged Gun

3-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

3-Hunt From Public Road

1-Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season

4-Hunt Without Resident Big Game License

5-Take Deer Closed Season

6-Take Deer Illegal Hours With Artificial Light

4-Take Deer Illegal Methods

4-Take Illegal Deer Open Season

2-Take Deer With Illegal Weapon

4-Poss. Illegal Taken Deer O/S

1-MGB

2-Transport Illegally Taken MGB

2-Hunting Ducks Closed Season

1-Careless Operation Vehicle

1-No Registration In Auto

1-No Driver's License

1-No Car Insurance

2-Obtain License By Fraud

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**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

1-Violate Sanitary Code

1-DWI

1-Illegal Use Of Drivers License

1-Littering

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:**

38-Boating

1-Littering

78-Sport Fishing

46-Commercial Fishing

1-Trawling

45-Oyster

50-Hunting

4-MGB

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TOTAL CASES-37

46 HOURS RUNNING TIME

214 BOATS CHECKED

12-Boating

7-Angling W/O A License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

2-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

5-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

4-Use Saltwater Net Illegally

2-Transport Commercial Fish W/O Transport License

1-Violating National Wildlife Regulations

1-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Failure To Have Saltwater Stamp

1-Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs

CONFISCATIONS:

1 redfish, 1 speckled trout, 900 lbs. Of crabs returned to water.

**SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE AND SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE SECTION**

**TOTAL CASES-35**

- 9-Fishing Without Basic Resident License
- 3-Fishing Without Saltwater Resident License
- 1-Take/Possess Undersize Spotted Seatrout
- 3-Take/Possess Commercial Fish Without Vessel License
- 5-Buy And/Or Sell Fish Without Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
- 3-Fail To Maintain Records
- 4-Transport Without Required License
- 1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish
- 3-Buying Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman/Dealers
- 1-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags For 60 Days
- 2-Violate WMA Rules And Regulations

**CONFISCATIONS:**

none.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STRIKE FORCE AND SEAFOOD INVEST. SECTION:**

- 13-Sport Fishing
- 20-Commercial Fishing
- 2-WMA

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**

**TOTAL CASES-119**

**55-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reefs**

**18-Violation Of Sanitary Code**

**5-Take Oysters From Unapproved Area**

**4-Take Oysters Without Commercial License**

**1-Take Oysters Without Commercial Gear License**

**2-Take Oysters Without Vessel License**

**4-Take Oysters Without Oyster Harvester License**

**2-Obtain Oyster Licenses By Fraud**

**1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License**

**1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel**

**1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear**

**1-Buying And Selling Commercial Fish Without Wholesale/Retail License**

**1-Failure To Maintain Records**

**4-Possess Undersize Black Drum**

**3-Possess Undersize Red Drum**

**3-Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout**

**2-Possess Overlimit Black Drum**

**2-Angling Without Basic License**

**2-Fishing Without Saltwater License**

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**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE CONT'D.**

**1-Fishing Without Non-Resident License**

**1-Fishing Without Non-Resident Saltwater License**

**3-Fishing W/O Marine Conservation Stamp**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**1,085 sacks of oysters, 32 black drum, 2 red drum, 4 spotted sea trout.**



### SHRIMP ACTIVITY REPORT

As reported last month, shrimp activity for this month has been low. The white shrimp crop has been disappointing, and there has been low effort. Complaints have been minimal, but we did receive a small number of illegal mesh complaints. There was also an incident in Bayou Bienvenue involving two shrimpers arguing over who was going to fish a bayou. We assisted the Coast Guard and St. Bernard Sheriff's Office and charges were issued.

We received fewer inquiries for TED information, which were referred to the LSU Cooperative Extension Service Fisheries Agent Gerald Horst.

We received a few calls regarding mesh size, shrimp size, net and frames size, license requirements, and other legal questions.

Only a small number of shrimp cases were made this month. We did have an incident in Plaquemines Parish in which Sgt. Robert Martin was pushed overboard while issuing citations for illegal mesh nets. Upon attempting to arrest his attacker, a fight ensued, and three subjects were charged with battery and resisting an officer.

2,636 lbs. Of shrimp were seized and sold.

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT -1207

TOTAL CASES WMA & REFUGES - 339

GRAND TOTAL - 1546

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-NOV-1996

CURRENT MONTH 10/01/1996 TO 10/31/1996 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1996 TO 10/31/1996 INCEPTION TO DATE 10/31/1996

ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED  
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED  
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS  
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION

# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
29	\$11,092.53	142	\$95,534.30	3,200	\$2,171,028.56
0	\$0.00	1	\$25.00	70	\$1,750.00
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	331	\$269,865.45
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	148	\$71,951.21

## RESTITUTION ASSESSED

29	\$11,092.53	142	\$95,559.30	3,200	\$1,974,864.32
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PAYMENTS  
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS  
OVERPAYMENTS  
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT  
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS  
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE  
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.  
RETURNED CHECKS  
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS  
DEBITS  
CREDITS  
REASSESSMENTS  
DEBITS  
CREDITS  
WRITE-OFFS  
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN  
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE  
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT

25	\$3,697.89	114	\$17,462.37	2,034	\$303,178.03
21	\$2,261.98	99	\$10,320.21	1,350	\$149,917.48
1	\$0.98	8	\$86.45	80	\$1,570.11
0	\$0.00	3	\$84.47	34	\$7,109.90
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$18,449.45
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$10,601.49
0	\$0.00	1	\$515.60	17	\$75,953.27
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$36.75
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$35.00
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	12	\$9.37
1	\$557.44	2	\$570.64	17	\$6,470.69
0	\$0.00	3	\$20,443.19	46	\$33,181.11
0	\$0.00	2	\$550.34	204	\$259,535.53
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,399.24
0	\$0.00	3	\$293.40	15	\$20,056.34
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$97.80

## \*\* TOTAL OUTSTANDING

928 \$1,290,817.18

## FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT  
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR  
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS

0	\$0.00	3	\$60.00	49	\$10,900.67
0	\$0.00	0	\$15.00	0	\$2,725.16
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00 *

## AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00	CAN NOT BE INVOICED	5	\$822.80
1 - 30 DAYS	1	\$174.00	1 - 30 DAYS	24	\$9,439.87
31 - 60 DAYS	16	\$13,281.75	31 - 60 DAYS	16	\$2,807.61
61 - 90 DAYS	24	\$23,359.70	61 - 90 DAYS	12	\$1,999.68
91 - 120 DAYS	11	\$18,364.25	91 - 120 DAYS	19	\$50,997.39
121 - 150 DAYS	17	\$58,794.20	121 - 150 DAYS	15	\$11,819.66
151 - 180 DAYS	35	\$8,459.00	151 - 180 DAYS	12	\$3,960.13
181 - 365 DAYS	62	\$44,598.63	181 - 365 DAYS	97	\$59,944.21
OVER ONE YEAR	156	\$125,844.52	CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	12	\$13,287.14
OVER TWO YEARS	78	\$49,553.77	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER THREE YEARS	16	\$3,825.80	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	716	\$1,135,738.69

## \*\* TOTAL AGING

416 \$346,255.62

## \*\* TOTAL AGING

928 \$1,290,817.18

# MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	Percent Dollars Paid	Percent Cases Paid
<u>FISCAL YEAR 1993-94</u>								
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545		
Aug., 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603		
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048		
Oct., 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519		
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845		
Dec., 1993	53	13,777		27	6,507	6,713		
Jan., 1994	38	18,918		32	4,423	2,831		
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993		
Mar., 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,854	6,796		
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632		
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808		
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214		
Total FY 1994	476	425,242	(68,670)	379	71,474	45,547	27.5%	79.6%
<u>FISCAL YEAR 1994-95</u>								
July, 1994	17	2,127	(335)	23	2,101	1,437		
Aug., 1994	41	96,403	(3,035)	20	1,010	605		
Sept., 1994	34	14,614	(14,002)	26	2,596	2,342		
Oct., 1994	94	17,426	(8,677)	38	2,922	3,179		
Nov., 1994	43	103,592		45	3,992	2,803		
Dec., 1994	68	31,400		35	4,315	2,329		
Jan., 1995	55	27,601		52	7,493	4,921		
Feb., 1995	70	61,119		41	6,472	3,973		
Mar., 1995	31	25,072		44	8,315	4,737		
Apr., 1995	13	15,353		16	3,565	1,538		
May., 1995	23	11,632		16	4,315	654		
June 1995	45	31,008		18	2,630	1,025		
Total FY 1995	534	437,347	(26,049)	374	49,726	29,543	18.1%	70.0%
<u>FICAL YEAR 1995-96</u>								
July, 1995	0	0						
Aug., 1995	46	17,425		27	9,028	1,729		
Sept., 1995	1	125		21	3,093	2,049		
Oct., 1995	122	206,244		29	2,720	1,161		
Nov., 1995	55	23,124		62	10,151	6,383		
Dec., 1995	50	18,607		32	4,781	2,803		
Jan., 1996	49	13,815	(15,296)	36	5,297	3,473		
Feb., 1996	50	14,717		38	5,778	3,417		
Mar., 1996	33	24,937		36	6,035	3,422		
Apr., 1996	30	11,007		36	7,173	2,712		
May., 1996	23	7,989		24	3,942	2,020		
June 1996	50	22,151		16	2,790	1,182		
Total FY 1996	509	360,141	(15,296)	357	60,787	30,350	25.3%	70.1%
<u>FICAL YEAR 1995-96</u>								
July, 1996	40	71,894		32	5,250	2,948		
Aug., 1996	32	5,363		32	6,255	3,784		
Sept., 1996	41	7,210		29	2,260	1,327		
Oct., 1996	29	11,093		25	3,698	2,262		
Nov., 1996								
Dec., 1996								
Jan., 1997								
Feb., 1997								
Mar., 1997								
Apr., 1997								
May., 1997								
June 1997								
Total FY 1997	142	95,559	0	118	17,462	10,320	29.1%	83.1%

**SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER**

<b>NOV-96</b>	<b>RULE - Recreational Harvest for Southern Flounder</b>
	<b>RULE - 1997 Spring Turkey Season</b>
	<b>RULE - Lake Louis Commercial Fish Seines</b>
<b>DEC-96</b>	<b>RULE - Oyster Lease Moratorium for New Acreage</b>
<b>JAN-97</b>	<b>RULE - Special Bait Dealer's Permit</b>

# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

## NEWS RELEASE

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### NOVEMBER WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION AGENDA REVISED

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has revised the agenda for its next meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 7, 1996. The meeting will convene in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge.

The meeting is open to the public. The revised agenda follows:

1. Roll call.
2. Discussion of Odilon Marceaux, et al. v. State of LA, et al., 19th Judicial District Court, No. 356,083 (Executive session).
3. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 1996 .
4. Donation by Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs in memory of Norman "Nookie" Diaz for Beechwood Fish Hatchery.
5. Termination of enforcement powers for wildlife specialists/biologists.
6. Final ratification of 1997 turkey hunting season regulations.
7. Announcement of Louisiana Duck Stamp contest winner.
8. North American Waterfowl Management Plan: 10 years of accomplishments in Louisiana; recognition from LDWF, Ducks Unlimited Inc. and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
9. Ratification of rule: fish seining permit, Lake Louis.
10. Ratification of rule: recreational harvest for southern flounder.
11. Notice of intent to repeal or amend goose creeping rule.
12. Enforcement and aviation reports — October.
13. Division reports.
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Approved by G. Carver  
11/4/91 - 11:05AM



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## NEWS RELEASE

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### NOVEMBER WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING SET

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October 30, 1996

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission  
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
SUBJECT: November Commission Meeting Agenda

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**FAX TRANSMITTAL**

TO: Glynn Carver  
Chairman  
FAX# \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM Susan Hawkins  
RE: November Commission Agenda

Please review the attached agenda for the November 7, 1996 Commission Meeting and let me know if okay.

Thank you.

DATE: October 24, 1996  
TIME SENT \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR INFORMATION CALL (504) 765- 2806  
OUR FAX # (504) 765-2607  
PAGES TO FOLLOW 2

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*Dear Susan:*  
*I have the following item*  
*for the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting:*

*Rule Ratification - "Fish Licensing*  
*Permit, Lake*  
*Louis,"*

*Thanks,*

*Bennie*

10-3-96  
 State of Louisiana  
 Ron None RJD  
 Phil None PJB  
 Jim None MMK  
 Bradt None JAD  
 Henry None AB



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Any items - X  
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